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Peres' party recommends quitting coalition

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 10, (Reuters): Labour Party leaders recommended today that the party quit Israel's coalition government, saying Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's Likud had damaged hopes for peace based on Palestinian elections.

But cabinet ministers said it could be several weeks, perhaps a month, before the advice was submitted to Labour's 1,200-member central committee. Political sources said the pause

would allow time for negotiation to save the Likud-Labour coalition which is the result of repeated electoral stalemates between Israel's two major parties. A Shamir aide said Labour's stance could force a general election at a time when national unity was needed. Labour Party leader Shimon Peres, who is Vice Prime Minister, announced that "the Labour Party Bureau and its parliamentary faction determine

that after the Likud decisions, which damaged the chances of the government peace initiative, there is no room in these circumstances for the continuation of the government." Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin apparently agreed to the text because it included the key phrase "in these circumstances."

Communications Minister Yaacobi told Reuters: "Until the central committee meets, I guess Likud will initiate meetings with the Labour Party and show a readiness to create a situation which will enable the peace process to continue."

Shamir infuriated the Labour Party last Wednesday when he bowed to demands of hardliners in his party, vowing to bar East Jerusalem Arabs from Palestinian elections, continue Jewish settlement in the occupied territories and forbid a poll before an end to the Palestinian revolt. Labour's parliamentary faction decided today to leave the floor during voting later in the day on six non-confidence motions tabled by opposition parties over the Likud decisions. Political sources said the United States had asked Labour to delay a decision on quitting the government to see if the plan was still viable despite the Likud conditions. A US delegation headed by Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eaglebur-

'Polish heart is most ill in world'

WARSAW, July 10, (UPI): Poles are paying for their 40-year struggle for independence with what may be the worst heart disease problem in the world and a staggering death rate, says a leading cardiologist who plans to ask President Bush for money to build a heart hospital.

"The Polish heart is the most ill in the world," said Dr Leszek Czerwinski, chief of the cardiology department at Grochowski Hospital, which was designed for 70 beds but has another 11 jammed in the corridor.

The doctor followed up his bleak assessment of the health of the Polish heart with an opinion on its cause: "This is the result of the social and economic situation and the impact of stress."

Poland has been coping with its biggest economic crisis since the end of World War II, and the added stress is attacking the cardiovascular systems of people who must cope with stringent daily chores just to keep afloat, Czerwinski said.

Heart disease also takes its toll among the intellectual elite.

US aid plan for Poland

Bush addresses Parliament

WARSAW, July 10, (Agencies): President George Bush announced a US aid plan for Poland today, telling Poles their democratic reforms could usher in an era of stability in Europe and had Washington's full support.

"Poland is where the cold war began — and now the people of Poland can help bring the division of Europe to an end," he said in an address to the newly-elected Polish parliament.

He said he would ask the US Congress for \$100 million to promote private enterprise in Poland and \$15 million for a joint US-Poland environmental project.

In addition, he said he would seek World Bank approval for \$325 million in loans for Poland and would ask other industrial countries to postpone Polish debt payments of \$5 billion this year.

Earlier, US Secretary of State James Baker and Polish Foreign Minister Tadeusz Olechowski signed agreements deferring repayments of \$1 billion in overdue debt to US government agencies.

Payments that were due in 1985 and over a three-year period beginning in 1986 will be deferred for five years.

Bush, who was greeted by a two-minute standing ovation, said the world was watching with admiration the reforms taking place in Poland and its Warsaw Pact ally Hungary.

"By creating political structures legitimized by popular will, your reforms can be the foundation of stability, security, and prosperity — not just here, but in all of Europe," he said.

He noted that Poland, burdened by a \$39 billion foreign debt, faced huge economic problems whose solution would require sacrifice.

"But I want to stress to you today that Poland is not alone. Given the enormity of this moment, the United States stands ready to help you as you help yourselves," he said.

Bush arrived on Sunday on the first leg of a 10-day trip that will also take him to Hungary, France and the Netherlands.

He said Polish economic reform would be an important topic at the July 14-16 economic summit of the main non-communist industrial countries in Paris this week.

Previous Polish governments have founded on public anger over economic austerity programmes but he expressed

Soviet approval needed Solidarity 'set' to rule

WARSAW, July 10, (Reuters): Poland's opposition Solidarity movement is ready to form a government if the Soviet Union agrees and if Western countries offer significant economic aid to it, a senior Solidarity adviser said today.

He told Reuters that Adam Michnik, a leading Solidarity strategist, was travelling to Moscow soon to see if the Kremlin would countenance a future Polish government headed by the once-banned trade union.

The adviser, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Solidarity also needed a guarantee of major Western aid because that would ensure the basis for an economic reform programme and for widespread public support.

"The creation of a Solidarity government is possible under these two conditions," he said.

Michnik wrote an article in the Solidarity newspaper Gazeta Wyborcza a week ago which proposed that the movement should support a communist for the powerful new post of President in return for the right to name a prime minister who would form a government.

If Solidarity formed a government, it would be the first non-communist administration in Eastern Europe since the 1940s and would represent a startling transformation in Soviet attitudes to the region.

Solidarity's crushing defeat of the Communist Party in elections last month has given them a major power-broking role in Poland and the movement's officials say they will not accept posts in a communist-led government.

Some Solidarity leaders have been reluctant to form a government on the grounds that they would be forced to accept responsibility for implementing an economic austerity plan that could undermine the movement's popularity.

Communist Party leader Wojciech Jaruzelski had been considered the likeliest choice for president until he suddenly withdrew on June 30, saying he was publicly identified with the imposition of martial law in 1981 rather than with reforms.

the hope that a government chosen by the people would have "the mandate to make hard choices."

Bush went on: "The road ahead is long one. But it is the only road which leads to prosperity and social peace. Poland's progress along this road will show the way toward a new era throughout Europe, an era based on common values and not just geographic proximity."

He said democratic reform in Eastern Europe meant a reduction in East-West tension and would improve the prospects for cuts in military armaments.

He was gratified by Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's response to US proposals to reduce conventional arms, he said, and quoted approvingly Gorbachev's declaration that each nation could choose its own path.

Baker, speaking at a news conference, said the key US objective

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Bush (right) gets a welcome kiss from a young Polish girl upon his arrival at Warsaw airport, while Jaruzelski (second left) and his wife (left) watch. (Reuters wirephoto)

Sudan cabinet takes oath

KHARTOUM, July 10, (Agencies): The cabinet of Sudan's new military ruler, Lt Gen Omar Hassan Ahmed Al Bashir, was sworn in today amid promises of efforts to try to solve the country's 6-year-old civil war and revive its faltering economy.

Only 17 out of the 21-cabinet ministers attended the ceremony that took place at the Republican Palace amid tight security.

No explanation was given for the absence of Foreign Minister Ali Sabah, Energy and Mining Minister Abdel-Moneim Khogali and Peter Orst Ador, Minister of Relief and Migrants Affairs.

The ceremony started with Gen Bashir taking the oath as the prime minister and minister for defence before Acting Chief Justice Abdel-Moneim Al Zaki Al Naimi. Bashir then stood before the ministers and took the oath. After the ceremony he wished his ministers good luck.

Bashir is the head of a 15-man junta that ousted the government of prime minister Sadek Al Mahdi June 30, dissolved parliament and political parties and assumed absolute dictatorial powers.

Bashir said in an interview with a Kuwaiti daily that he would promote a plan for uniting Sudan with neighbouring Egypt and Libya after tackling the country's domestic problems.

He said a delegation from the 15-member Salvation Revolution Council, which seized power in a bloodless coup June 30, would meet soon with representatives of the rebels and the Ethiopian government, which backs them.

"Council members from southern Sudan enjoy a special standing in their own provinces and will do their utmost to bring about peace," Al Bashir said.

"We in the armed forces understand the viewpoint of the people's movement (the rebels)," he added.

But he said that rebel leader John Garang would not be allowed to impose conditions for the talks.

He added that the junta's foreign policy would be based on having special relationships with Arab and neighbouring African countries "and avoiding enmity with any country."

"We in Sudan consider Arab unity as a strategic objective and will do our utmost to achieve it," he said.

Aoun plans air strikes

Syria sinks tanker

BEIRUT, July 10, (AP): Christian Army commander Gen. Michel Aoun is planning air strikes against Syrian gunboats blockading the coast of Lebanon's Christian enclave, aides said today.

"The general can't take the Syrian naval siege any more," said an Aoun aide, who spoke on condition of anonymity. "He's going to try to break it by force, using the Air Force."

Aoun's decision was reported as Syrian and Christian gunners duelled with howitzers and rockets across Beirut and street gunbattles between rival Shiite Muslim factions ebbed into sporadic sniping.

Syrian gunners sank a Maltese tanker in international waters for defying their blockade of Lebanon's Christian enclave, security and Lloyds shipping sources said today.

The eight crew members were rescued and taken to safety in Cyprus while the tanker Aloil, hit yesterday, was going down.

In south Lebanon, Palestinian and leftist Lebanese militants attacked a joint patrol of Israeli troops and allied militiamen, prompting a counter-attack that killed three commandos, police said.

Also today, Druze parliament member Bashir Awar, 76, died of a heart attack.

Aoun's aides said the 54-year-old general had decided to use the Air Force against the Syrian Navy last week, when gunboats were dispatched into Lebanese territorial waters to tighten the blockade.

"I am ready to accept (the deployment of Arab) observers to monitor the entry of arms into (Christian) East Beirut on condition that Israel and Syria withdraw," he said.

Aquino also met with leading industrialists during her visit, which is widely seen as an attempt to seek markets for Philippine products and investment for the country saddled with an external debt of \$28 billion.

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By Bassam Al Qasas

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However, the source said that these employees can take up employment in the private sector, provided they leave Kuwait and return on a fresh work visa.

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Journalistic award

KUWAIT, July 10, (KUNA): Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah today said that the ministry has decided to designate an award for the best journalistic work and also to establish a journalistic training centre.

Speaking to a group of reporters and media people at the Kuwaiti Journalists Association, Sheikh Jaber added that the details of his prize will be examined later by specialists.

He affirmed that Kuwait is the country which embraced them, urging journalists not to tackle any matter that might jeopardize this country's security and stability.

The information minister noted that this visit to the association falls within the framework of his responsibilities, which includes listening to journalists and getting acquainted with their problems.

Legal action

BEIJING, July 10, (UPI): Chinese leaders, apparently gearing for tough legal action against pro-democracy activists arrested in a government crackdown, for the first time included a purely political crime amid violations punishable by death, Chinese sources said.

The United States and other foreign forces, meanwhile, were accused by the Communist Party newspaper People's Daily of harbouring a "wild ambition" to subvert communism and using political and economic weapons to support that goal.

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Britons charged

LONDON, July 10, (Reuters): Two British peace activists were charged today with helping one of Britain's most notorious double-agents escape from a London jail more than 20 years ago.

In a breakthrough that shocked Britain, Soviet master spy George Blake scrambled over a rope ladder to freedom in 1966 after serving five years in Wormwood Scrubs Prison. He eventually reached the Soviet Union.

His accomplices, antique dealer Patrick Pottle, 51, and researcher Michael Randle, 55, face conspiracy charges after detailing their involvement in a book called "The Blake Escape", published in April this year.

Diana's brother

LONDON, July 10, (AP): Princess Diana's younger brother, Viscount Althorp, said today he plans to marry former model Victoria Lockwood after a six-week whirlwind courtship.



Aquino and Weizsaecker listen to the national anthem. (Reuters wirephoto)

Weizsaecker greets Cory

BONN, July 10, (UPI): Philippines President Corazon Aquino today met with her West German counterpart Richard von Weizsaecker, who expressed sympathy for the problems Aquino faces in her Asian island nation.

"It is very difficult for Aquino, she must overcome enormous difficulties and she needs our encouragement," Weizsaecker said, speaking at a brief ceremony attended by West German and Philippine school children.

He said that although the Philippines enjoyed strong economic growth, there were still too few guarantees of social justice.

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Thieves do \$6m job at Sultan of Brunei's house

LONDON, July 10, (Reuters): Burglars stole jewellery and cash worth \$6 million from a home in England of the Sultan of Brunei, said to be the world's richest man, his lawyer said today.

Police said burglars struck last Thursday when nobody was home at the red-brick house in Hampstead, north London. It was one of the biggest hauls in a British house burglary.

Detective superintendent David Staff told reporters thieves broke in through a first-

floor window, evading sophisticated alarms and camera systems monitoring the house and gardens.

"We are questioning a number of people," he said. Police said they at first kept the case secret at the Sultan's request.

The Sultan's lawyer Fraser McColl estimated the total value of goods stolen at £4 million (\$6 million). He said security had been stepped up at the building.

The house was one of at least four owned by the Sultan in Wimpington road in fashionable

Hampstead. It was occasionally used by his sister-in-law Princess Norhayati.

The Sultan, 42, was named as the world's richest man in a survey by Money Magazine in February, with a personal fortune estimated at \$25 billion. His wealth and that of Brunei is based largely on oil production.

Security sources said photographs of the stolen items were being circulated to police forces throughout Britain.

But the search would probably be extended overseas.



Smile please

Pakistan's Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto adjusts her veil while watching the women's and men's finals of the Wimbledon championship accompanied by the Duke of Gloucester (right). (Reuters wirephoto)

Pakistan to rejoin C'wealth

LONDON, July 10, (Reuters): Pakistan will rejoin the 48-nation Commonwealth by October, ending a 17-year break, Pakistan's ambassador to Britain said today.

Shaharyar Khan, speaking after a meeting between Pakistan's Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto and Commonwealth Secretary-General Shridath Ramphal, said Pakistan was expected to rejoin the Commonwealth before its next summit meeting in October.

He said: "Except for the formalities, we are members."

Khan said Ramphal had formally conveyed to Benazir the Commonwealth's unanimous welcome to Pakistan during the meeting, which came towards the end of a week-long visit to London by the Pakistani prime minister.

He said Pakistan had to work out the formalities of rejoining, adding: "The ball is in our court." He could not give an exact date when a formal announcement would be made.

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2,000 S. Korean teachers jailed after rallies

SEOUL, July 10, (AP): President Roh Tae-Woo said today that teachers were being unreasonable after nearly 2,000 were jailed for defying the government and holding rallies to form a union.

The outlawed National Teacher's Union said its members would resign en masse to protest government suppression of the union and a police action which broke up union rallies yesterday.

About 12,000 riot police sealed off downtown Sungkyunkwan University campus to block a rally of the outlawed union by teachers, family members and students.

Several thousand protesters regrouped in front of the National Assembly and

several hundred more staged rallies in central Seoul, shouting anti-government slogans and clashing with police in side streets and alleys.

At least 20 teachers were injured in the protests, witnesses said.

Police said 1,931 persons were arrested and 940 were released. Many of those jailed would not speak or give their names, delaying the release of others, police said.

The government said names of teachers taking part in protests would be sent to education authorities for discipline.

About 130 teachers have been disciplined or dismissed so far this year.

"It is unreasonable for teachers to seek

unionization," said Roh in a nationwide radio address today. He said the union is banned by law and opposed by a majority of the people.

"Should education become another arena for struggle, damage will be inflicted on the next generation," Roh said.

The National Teacher's Union claims membership of 20,000 and is campaigning for better salaries and working conditions and elimination of bureaucracy which it claims hinders needed reform.

The government maintains the union violates the National Employees Law which bans unionizing by government workers and teachers. Education authorities claim some teachers are using the union to spread leftist and revolutionary ideas.

There are about 300,000 primary and secondary school teachers in South Korea. The average salary is about \$350 a month.

Accusing North Korea of being "double-faced," South Korea today called off a Wednesday meeting to arrange a conference on easing Korean tensions.

Vice Unification Minister Song Han-Ho said he notified the communist North of the South's decision to postpone indefinitely the third round of preparatory talks in Panmunjom.

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Secret talks with Botha discussed

Winnie meets Mandela

PAARI, South Africa, July 10, (AP): Winnie Mandela met today with her husband, jailed black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela, to discuss his secret meeting last week with President P.W. Botha.

After a one-hour visit, Mrs Mandela declined to answer questions, saying she first would talk to anti-apartheid leaders in Johannesburg.

"I'm afraid I have instructions from the (black) community leaders to go and report back to them before we are able to answer questions," she told reporters at the gates of Victor Verster Prison in Paarl outside Cape Town.

Mrs Mandela said she would meet this afternoon with the Rev. Frank Chikane, a family friend and the leader of the South African Council of Churches. She gave no indication when a statement would be released.

Mandela, the country's best known black leader, met with Botha for 45 minutes Wednesday at the president's official residence in Cape Town. The white-led government did not announce the meeting until journalists inquired on Saturday.

The meeting took the Mandela family and the anti-apartheid movement by surprise. Mrs Mandela said yesterday she was not aware of the meeting until after it happened.

The African National Congress, the outlawed black organization that Mandela leads, said



Winnie Mandela

today that the meeting was a "public relations exercise."

"It would be wrong for anybody to believe that the meeting signified the start of negotiations between the black people of South Africa and the National Party government," ANC spokesman Tom Sebina said in a statement from the organization's headquarters in Lusaka, Zambia.

Chikane yesterday described the Botha-Mandela meeting as an act of "political mischief" intended to "sow confusion in the minds of black people and the outside world."

Nonetheless, the meeting — the first between Botha and Mandela — was front-page news

in South Africa and reignited speculation that Mandela would soon be released after more than 27 years in prison.

Mandela, 70, was transferred in December from Pollsmoor Prison in Cape Town to the Victor Verster Prison Farm, where the conditions of his imprisonment were eased and he was allowed to stay alone in a private warder's house. He is serving a life sentence for sabotage and plotting to overthrow the government.

Botha and other members of the ruling National Party have hinted in recent months that they would like to find an acceptable formula to release Mandela.

Botha has suggested the government could modify demand that Mandela make an outright renunciation of violence before his release.

Mandela has said he will disavow violence until apartheid is dismantled and the ANC unbanned.

Mandela retains wide popularity among blacks, and almost all leading black anti-apartheid groups have said his release is a condition for negotiations with the government.

The Independent Cape Times newspaper said the Botha-Mandela meeting had "huge symbolic significance, foreshadowing Mandela's release and ultimately, serious negotiations to resolve the South African crisis."

Sri Lanka at stand-still

Strike continues

COLOMBO, July 10, (AP): Transport Minister Wijepala Mendis says he hopes to break a 4-week-old public transportation workers' strike believed to have been incited by Sinhalese extremists.

Also yesterday, unidentified gunmen shot and killed a former government minister, W.M.B. Tikiri Banda, and his son at their home at Galagedera in Kandy district, 90 kilometres (55 miles) northeast of Colombo, police said.

The 55-year-old Banda was a former deputy minister of cultural affairs and a former member of President Premadasa's United National Party.

The transport minister, who made the statement in an interview yesterday, did not say how he proposed to break the strike by about 20,000 workers of the state-owned Public Transportation Company.

But the government-controlled radio repeated Saturday's appeals to the strikers to report for work by today or face arrest under emergency laws.

Contract out on chief

Gomez launches anti-drug operation

BOGOTA, Colombia, July 10, (AP): Within hours after he became Colombia's police commander, Gen. Miguel Gomez Padilla had launched the toughest anti-cocaine operation in memory. The effort has earned him praise, and reportedly a \$1 million contract on his life.

Gomez replaced Gen. Jose Guillermo Medina Sanchez on Jan 25. Medina is under investigation for cocaine trafficking.

Two hours after Gomez took over, he put into action Operation Springtime, hitting drug traffickers where it hurts most — destroying chemicals needed to

make cocaine. He is beating all records for destruction of chemicals and seizing of drugs.

By Friday, police had destroyed more than 1.6 million gallons (6 million litres) of liquid chemicals at clandestine labs, according to information from the federal police department's anti-narcotics division. That outpaced the 936,171 gallons (3.6 million litres) destroyed by Colombian authorities all last year, the division said.

Even more impressive, police said they have destroyed more than 3.5 million pounds (more than 1.5 million kilograms) of

solid chemicals in five months, five times what was seized in 1988.

Under Gomez's anti-corruption campaign, 1,000 of Colombia's 80,000 police officers have been fired, said a colonel who works for him. One police colonel was caught with 884 pounds (more than 395 kilograms) of cocaine in his car.

Gomez has gained scant public attention, but a US embassy source said embassy officials and US Drug Enforcement Administration agents are impressed by his work.

The Medellin Cartel, which includes the country's biggest cocaine traffickers, has a \$1 million contract to kill Gomez, an officer with the narcotics intelligence division told the Associated Press.

Gomez is never seen in public and takes a helicopter even for short hops inside Bogota, a city of 6 million people.

Murder for hire is common in Colombia. Gunmen, paid by drug traffickers, have killed a justice minister, an attorney-general, 30 judges, two newspaper editors and scores of police officers and soldiers.

Congressman released

BOGOTA, July 10, (UPI): A Congressman, a former agriculture minister and a law student kidnapped by guerrillas were freed 36 hours later with a message for President Virgilio Barco, authorities said yesterday.

Three mayors and three municipal employees were kidnapped Saturday and the Rebel National Liberation Army, known by its Spanish acronym ELN, also claimed responsibility and said those captives also would be released soon to deliver messages to the government, authorities said.

Former agriculture minister Guillermo Gonzales, Congressman Orlando Gomez and law student Jesus Palata Guzman were released Saturday night in Popayan, 250 miles (400 km) southeast of Bogota, where they were seized on Friday, officials said yesterday.

672 pupils hospitalised

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, July 10, (AP): A total of 672 pupils at a primary school in Pasir Mas, some 300 kilometres (180 miles) northeast of the Malaysian capital came down with suspected food poisoning after eating rice for breakfast.

The Star newspaper said Monday that six of those who took ill yesterday were hospitalized at a government facility while the rest were given outpatient treatment.

The paper quoted a hospital spokesman as saying the condition of the six was quite serious as they show signs of internal bleeding.

Rampant Nebraska fire chars state park

CRAWFORD, Nebraska, July 10, (AP): A lightning-sparked fire raged out of control yesterday along a 12-mile (19-kilometre) front in northwestern Nebraska, threatening one town and forcing evacuation of a hospital, a nursing home and a park.

Gov. Kay Orr issued an emergency declaration for the area, allowing National Guard troops to help fight the fire.

The fire burned to within 1.5 miles (2.5 kilometres) of the city of 1,300 and authorities feared a shift in the wind could endanger the town.

The fire started Saturday on the west side of Fort Robinson State Park and park superintendent Vince Rotherham estimated that 10,000 to 12,000 acres (4,000 to 5,000 hectares) of trees, scrub and grassland had burned. It also had charred part of an adjoining wildlife refuge and private land.

"It looks really bad. A lot of those trees are 150 years old... It will take 100 years to rebuild it," Rotherham said.

After burning for 23 hours, the fire was estimated to have burned an area five miles wide and 12 miles long (eight kilometres by 19 kilometres), said Jerry Larson, deputy state fire marshal.

Winds and hot weather make firefighting efforts difficult, officials said.

About 150 firefighters from about 25 to 30 departments from Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming were fighting the blaze, he said.

Crawford Hospital treated several people for minor injuries, said nursing supervisor Jacqueline Skavdahl.

Earlier, the four patients at the hospital were taken by bus to the Chadron Community Hospital because of the smoke and closeness of the flames, said Kathy Wigington, Chadron director of nursing services. About 25 residents of the Ponderosa Villa Nursing Home were taken to a dormitory at Chadron State College.

More than 600 visitors were evacuated from the camp grounds, lodge and cabins at Fort Robinson State Park because of the shifting wind and smoke, although authorities said there was no immediate danger to the tourist facilities.

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19 US states likely to restrict abortion rights

NEW YORK, July 10, (UPI): Nineteen states will likely restrict abortion rights in the wake of the supreme court's recent ruling and 22 other states will become legislative battlegrounds over the issue, Newsweek Magazine reported yesterday.

Legislators in only 10 states seem firmly committed to keeping abortion legal, the magazine said, citing a survey of governors and legislators by Newsweek correspondents.

The survey, appearing in the magazine's July 19 issue, showed a shift among lawmakers in 12 states since a similar News-

week survey in May. Of the 12, two states — Maryland and Delaware — previously were expected to keep the procedure legal but now appear likely to restrict abortion, Newsweek said.

The supreme court opened the door for states to impose restrictions on abortions in its July 3 decision in Missouri vs. Reproductive Health Services, paring back on its 1973 decision that made abortion legal.

Anti-abortion activists in many states, following the high court's decision, immediately called for special legislative

sessions to enact stricter abortion laws. But the Newsweek survey found most lawmakers willing to wait for the next regular session to get a more accurate feel for constituents' wishes.

The survey found the states most likely to restrict abortions are: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Those most likely to keep abortion legal are:

Alaska, California, Hawaii, Iowa, Maine, New Mexico, New York, Vermont, Washington and the District of Columbia.

Those where legislative battles are likely are: Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Kansas, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin.

Spike removed

Teenager in stable condition

NEW YORK, July 10, (AP): A teenager impaled on an iron spike atop a six-foot (two-metre) fence was in guarded but stable condition yesterday after doctors removed it from his neck and mouth.

The accident occurred Saturday as Julio Castillo, 15, played ball with friends outside his apartment building in the New York City borough of Queens.

He slipped as he climbed over the wrought-iron fence to retrieve a ball. The square spike, about an inch wide, entered his neck and came out his mouth — just missing his jugular vein.

"He was petrified, but he was pretty brave" as firefighters sawed off part of the fence in a hospital emergency room, said firefighter Peter Cozzolino. "He knew he really didn't have a choice."

Fred Horen, an administrator at the city hospital centre at Elmhurst, said the major injuries were to the youth's lower jaw and teeth. He will remain in the pediatric intensive care unit for several days, Horen said.

When the boy became impaled, a passerby called for help.

Rescuers tied the victim to the fence "to keep his weight from making the wound larger or possibly fracturing his neck," Cozzolino said.

"Once they tied him, there was very little movement."

Death for officers

Cuba upholds death sentence

MEXICO CITY, July 10, (AP): Cuba's Council of State has upheld death sentences for one of Cuba's top war veterans and three other former Army officers convicted of drug trafficking, the official Cuban news agency Prensa Latina said today.

The decision apparently exhausted the last appeal for Gen. Arnaldo Ochoa, a onetime close associate of Cuban President Fidel Castro, and three other men, who were convicted of helping smuggle tons of cocaine and shiploads of marijuana into the United States and sentenced to death by firing squad.

The Council of State — Cuba's final appeal body, comprised of 29 officials and controlled by Castro — unanimously upheld the sentences handed down by a court-martial last week, the report monitored in Mexico City said.

Ten other officers were convicted in the highly publicized and unprecedented case, which also involved the smuggling of diamonds, ivory and US dollars. They were sentenced to prison terms ranging from 10 to 30 years.

The Prensa Latina dispatch did not say when the death sentences would be carried out.

An earlier dispatch said the council began meeting yesterday.

The Supreme Court refused to overturn the death sentences given to Ochoa and ex-Col. Antonio de la Guardia, ex-Maj. Armando Padron and ex-Capt. Jorge Martinez.

The arrests and trial constituted the biggest public scandal to rock Cuba since Castro came to power Jan. 1, 1959.

All 14 of the convicted men were officers of the Cuban armed forces or held high positions in the security staff of the Interior Ministry.

Justice Minister Gen. Juan Escalona, acting as prosecutor last week had requested a special three-member military court to sentence Ochoa and six others to death.

Escalona also requested 10 to 30-year prison sentences to 10 other officials for their involvement in drug trafficking, betraying the nation and their connections to Colombia's infamous Medellin Cocaine Cartel, responsible for most of the cocaine smuggled into the United States.

The military court, however, handed down the death sentence

to only four and modified prison sentences for 10 other officials. Defence attorneys pleaded clemency for Ochoa and the others because of their previous outstanding service record.

The officers were sentenced Friday to death by firing squad after more than three weeks of trial, first by a 48-member honour military court and later by a three-general tribunal.

The much-decorated Ochoa had fought in the popular uprising led by Castro that overthrew dictator Fulgencio Batista in 1959. The new disgraced general had also led Cuban troops in Angola, Ethiopia and Nicaragua.

Since June 12, the Cuban government has fired two cabinet ministers and arrested the 14 officials of the Army and Interior Ministry on charges of drug trafficking, embezzlement, abuse of office, corruption and "crimes against the country."

US drug enforcement agencies had issued repeated protests since 1982 against alleged involvement in narcotic smuggling by high-level Cuban officials. Castro had, until now, denied the US charges and called them "slandorous."

On Saturday, a US customs official in Miami said agents watched a small plane drop a load of cocaine into a waiting boat just inside Cuban territorial waters, later seizing the boat and 1,584 pounds (720 kg) of cocaine when it ran aground off Florida.

Two Soviet-made MiG jet fighters stood by to ensure the US customs plane did not enter Cuban airspace, but made no effort to intercept the drug shipment, said Pat O'Brien, special agent in charge of the Miami customs office.

Cuba had threatened to shoot down planes that violated its airspace as part of its crackdown on drugs.

"The plane flew over Cuba and did an air drop to a waiting boat in Cuban waters, then the plane went back over Cuba," O'Brien said. "They sent out the two MiGs and we thought they were going to go after the bad guys, but they stayed there to make sure we didn't go in."

The boat, a 37-foot Midnight Express Cigarette registered in Florida, was about 10 miles inside Cuban waters when the drop was made, he said. Customs agents waited just outside Cuban boundaries, and attempted to follow the boat, but were forced to turn back because they were low on fuel.



Disident pastor Moon Ik-Hwan, bound and handcuffed, is led to a Seoul court for trial on Monday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Trial put off until July 24

Moon supporters interrupt inquest

SEOUL, South Korea, July 10, (AP): Jeering and slogan chanting by about 150 friends and relatives of a leading dissident halted today session of his trial on charges of making a secret trip to Communist North Korea.

Also today, police stepped up their hunt for three radical student leaders who allegedly encouraged travel to the north. Authorities offered rewards of \$7,500 US each for their capture.

Testimony was heard in the morning of the second day of the trial of the dissident leader, the Rev Moon Ik-Hwan.

But as the afternoon session started, family members and friends in the gallery stood and cheered Moon's arrival in the Seoul district criminal court. When presiding judge Chung Sang-Hak ordered silence, members of the group protested loudly and some shouted anti-government slogans.

Police took away Moon's 36-year-old son, Sung-Kun, and his 69-year-old mother, Shin Sung-Myo. Minutes after the afternoon session began, the judge postponed the proceedings until July 24.

Moon is charged with violating the national security law by taking a nine-day trip to communist north in March. He said he talked with North Korean President Kim Il Sung about unification of the peninsula during the visit.

South Korea's anti-communist government forbids trips to archival North Korea without government approval and maintains that dialogue on

unification must be carried out through government channels.

The countries are still technically at war. Moon, a 71-year-old Presbyterian minister, and his traveling companion, Yoo Won-Ho, a 59-year-old businessman, were arrested April 13 when they returned to Seoul from North Korea. They have been in jail since.

In this morning's trial session, Yoo told the court he did not consider North Korea "an anti-state group as the law defines" because of president Roh Tae-Woo's announced intentions to ease tensions with the North. He said he went with Moon "to advance national unification."

South Korean law provides for a penalty ranging from seven years in prison to death for anyone convicted of illegally visiting the North.

Meanwhile, the agency for National Security Planning announced that after 48 hours of questioning, it would release Lee Chul-Yong, a lawmaker for the leading opposition party for peace and democracy. Under South Korean law, a citizen who is detained must be formally charged or released within 48 hours.

Lee, a 41-year-old novelist and former dissident, was being questioned by intelligence agents to determine whether he had prior knowledge of a visit to North Korea by a colleague, PPD lawmaker Suh Kyung-Won. Suh was arrested June 28 after travelling to the North to discuss unification.

Strain on Japanese social services

Population ageing swiftly

TOKYO, July 10, (AP): Japan's rapid transition to an industrial power has been accompanied by an equally swift ageing of its population that is straining social services and long-held traditions.

The Japanese once could count on spending old age as respected senior members of extended household in close-knit neighbourhoods or villages. But

for many, those "happy golden years" have turned gray, says Miyoko Morita, a 74-year-old widow.

She and her friend, 65-year-old Misako Tanaka, spend their days looking after other elderly Japanese, taking phone calls on a hotline and pestering the government to do more for the aged.

The Japanese live longer than anyone else — men to 75.6 years

and women to 81.4. One in 10 — 12 million total — are over age 65 now, and the proportion is expected to reach one in five by 2010.

Crowded into cities, many families have no space for grandparents. Spiralling land costs have pushed the elderly out of their homes as old neighbourhoods are replaced by impersonal apartment buildings.

To let: rooms with a view for just \$19 million

NEW YORK, July 10, (AP): Closet space is not problem in this roomy apartment off New York's exclusive Park Avenue. But the price might pose a problem for some: 19 million US dollars.

The 18-room, "skyline mansion" features a 360-degree vista from the 54th through 57th floors of the Galleria building.

The asking price breaks down to \$1.05 million per room. Besides the mortgage, the

month fees for maintenance and taxes comes to \$13,000. Parking is extra.

"Anybody who buys this is going to have a big pocketbook — and a big ego," said Judith Hitchcock of the Corcoran Group, the listing agent. "It's certainly more money than I'll ever see in my life — unless I win the lottery."

The condo has been on the market since February. So far, the lookers have been

Japanese or European, but no one from the United States.

"It most likely will be sold to a Japanese buyer, they like the midtown location and enormous space. It's priced right," said Ms Hitchcock.

The place originally was built in 1976 for General Motors heir Stewart Mott, who reportedly walked out during construction because of cost overruns and delays.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

WASHINGTON: The US Library of Congress says it has acquired the only known set of the first edition of Alexis de Tocqueville's classic "Democracy in America" in its original paper bindings.

The two-volume set was bought from a Parisian bookseller for \$80,000 last spring, using public and private funds reserved for special library acquisitions, officials said Wednesday. The rare first editions will be displayed in an exhibition opening Sept 8 on Tocqueville's works.

Tocqueville, a French historian and political theorist, wrote "Democracy in America," a four-volume interpretation of democratic institutions in the United States, after an extensive tour of America in the 1830s.

The first two volumes, published in 1835, deal with the influence of the doctrine of equality on politics and law. Of the handful of first editions that survive, library officials said, the newly acquired set is believed to be the only one that exists in pristine condition, with original paper bindings. (AP).

SPARTANBURG, South Carolina: Greg Gardner is getting used to his roommates' comings and goings, now that they have settled in behind the cereal boxes.

About six weeks ago, two Carolina wrens flew in through his unscreened kitchen window. Gardner then noticed some sticks and twigs near the cereal boxes — the beginnings of a nest — and he decided to let them stay.

Gardner tried to help the birds by leaving a torn cotton ball, but they apparently preferred their own materials. As the nest neared completion, the mother wren, a small brown bird about three inches (eight centimetres) long, became more familiar with Gardner. She did not easily frighten when he went into the kitchen, he said. (AP).

NEW YORK: Television news analyst Ted Koppel, sidelined by an illness he apparently picked up in Asia, hopes to return to his "Nightline" programme Monday, a spokeswoman for the show says.

The 49-year-old Koppel was discharged Tuesday from Georgetown University Hospital, said spokeswoman Laura Wesmer. He had been hospitalized since Sunday for an inflammation of the trachea that probably was caused by a virus.

Koppel was in Asia from June 12 until July 1 and spent some time in a Hong Kong hospital, she said. "He was in Beijing, Hong Kong, Bangkok, travelling around," Wesmer said. "There are bugs over there that Americans are vulnerable to." (AP)

BANGKOK, Thailand: Vietnam has banned videotapes and music cassettes with "reactionary and depraved" contents.

A Vietnam news agency report, monitored here Sunday, said it was strictly forbidden to import, export or circulate such material. It did not specify what constituted reactionary and depraved contents.

The announcement, made by Minister of Culture Tran Van Phuc last Friday in Hanoi, also noted that commercial dealing in and showing of such videos by Communist Party, government, military and private units also was forbidden.

However, the agency said hotels catering to foreign tourists could be granted exemptions to the ban if they first submit the videos and cassettes to government authorities for review. (AP).

Tsutsumi still the richest

NEW YORK, July 10, (AP): Yoshiaki Tsutsumi of Japan is the world's richest person for the third straight year even though his fortune declined by more than \$3 billion in the last 12 months, the US business magazine Forbes says.

Tsutsumi's net worth dropped from \$18.9 billion last year to at least \$15 billion this year, the magazine said in its issue appearing on newstands today.

Tsutsumi, 55, head of Japan's Seibu Railway Group, is still about a billion dollars ahead of second-ranked Taikichi Mori, also of Japan. Mori owns 72 office buildings in Tokyo and is worth about \$14.2 billion, Forbes said.

The biweekly magazine said it has identified 226 individuals or families in the world whose personal net assets are worth more than \$1 billion.

The United States is out in front with 55 individuals having a net worth estimated at more than \$1 billion, Forbes said.

Japan is second with 41 — but Forbes pointed out that six of the ten richest people in the world are Japanese.

West Germany is third, with 20 billionaires, the magazine said. Other countries or territories with billionaires were Canada, Great Britain, Italy, France, Hong Kong, Saudi Arabia, Taiwan, Switzerland, South Korea, Colombia, Brazil, Holland, Spain, Sweden, Kuwait, Lebanon, Turkey, Singapore, Venezuela, Mexico, Austria, Bahrain, Indonesia, India and Australia, Forbes said.

The magazine noted that the number of non-American billionaires has increased by 24 over last year. It remarked that "few are household names, but their influence on the world's interlinked economies — not least our own — grows relentlessly."

Sam Moore Walton, the richest American, owner of a retail store chain, ranks third in the world with an \$8.7-billion fortune. Fourth on the Forbes list are the Reichman brothers of Canada — Paul, Albert and Ralph — who own a real estate empire valued at \$8 billion.

They rank about even with Korea's Shin Kyuk-Ho, whose net worth is also around \$8 billion.

Others in the top 10 are Sweden's Ransing brothers, Hans and Gad, with a \$7-billion fortune in food packaging.



Queen Elizabeth, touring

TORONTO: For Britain's Queen Mother, it was de jure. She rededicated the same highway, made a royal departure in the identical Lincoln Lebaron convertible, and was presented again to the youngest reporter to cover the royal tour across Canada in 1939.

Reliving a part of the first tumultuous visit by a reigning monarch and consort on a five-day trip that began in Ottawa on Wednesday, the 88-year-old Queen Mother Elizabeth expressed disbelief that so much time had passed.

"When I arrived at the international airport yesterday evening, I could hardly believe that it is some 50 years since the royal train pulled into North Station, and the king and I had our first sight of this exciting city," a beaming Queen Mother told hundreds gathered on the lawn at the Ontario legislature. (AP).

NEW YORK: Strawberry Fields, a popular corner of Central Park dedicated to the memory of John Lennon has attracted a lot of rats, the New York Post reported.

"I saw a whole family of six or eight. One practically ran right over my foot," Joyce Seales told the Post in Monday's edition.

Seales said she has visited the plot for 30 years — long before it was a memorial to the musician — and never seen a rat before.

"Now, whenever I see a squirrel, I jump," she said. "I think it's shocking and I think it gives a bad impression to all the tourists who come here." (AP).

WASHINGTON: A suspended black priest who defied church authorities for the second week by conducting his own brand of services incorporating African religious rites says he will try to reconcile with the Roman Catholic Church.

The Rev. George A. Stallings Jr., who accuses the church of racism and falling its black parishioners, told a local television station Sunday that he planned to begin seeking reconciliation by the end of the week "so that we are not separated and divided, but we are all working toward the same goal." (AP).

45 years later Stein poem is published

WASHINGTON, July 10, (AP): One of the last poems written by Gertrude Stein, the US writer who spent most of her life in France, is being published for the first time by the US correspondent she gave it to 45 years ago.

He is Frank Gervasi, now 81 years old, who has put it in a book called "The Violent Decade," being published today.

He said the poem was her way of thanking him for getting her own book, "Wars I Have Seen," through wartime censorship to her New York publisher. Stein died in 1946 at the age of 72.

The poem, called "A Ballad," was written on nine pages of air mail paper from Air France, the French national airline.

It begins: "A big bird flying high in the sky makes little birds sitting by 'know they must do or die.' The 73 lines tell how the little

birds keep hitting the big bird until it falls into a lake and drowns. It concludes: "and this does happen every day."

"Just like I say ... for Frank Gervasi 'Culooz, September 1, happy days, always, (signed) Gtd St.'"

Gervasi said he interpreted the poem as an expression of joy in the imminent triumph of virtue over evil, as World War II came to an end.

Stein is famous for the line "A rose is a rose is a rose." Much of her writing emphasizes repetition and the use of words as much for their sound as for their meaning.

Culooz is the little railroad town in southern France where Stein and her companion, Alice B. Toklas, lived during the German occupation of France.

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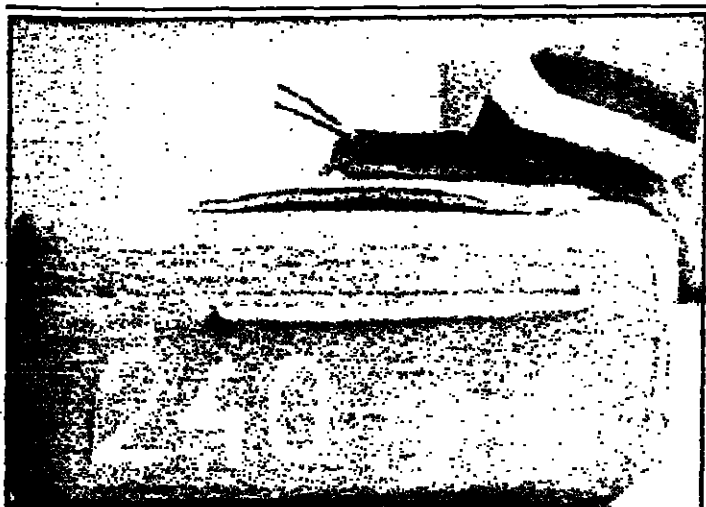
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Bishop shot

MOGADISHU, July 10, (Reuters): The Roman Catholic Bishop of Mogadishu has been shot dead by an unknown gunman, Somali government officials said today.

Bishop Salvatore Colombo, an Italian who came to this East African country in 1948, was shot outside Mogadishu Cathedral last night, they said.

The 67-year-old bishop was taken to hospital, but died two hours later.

Cholesterol level

LONDON, July 10, (KUNA): The debate over the desirability of mass screening of blood cholesterol levels will intensify here today with the publication of a report which will recommend that it would be beneficial to warn people of their risk of heart attacks.

The report by the international task force for the prevention of coronary heart diseases is expected to categorise cholesterol levels.

Divided island

LONDON, July 10, (KUNA): President Vassiliou of Cyprus was today meeting British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher at Downing Street here to discuss the problems of the divided island.

The talks will also review the progress made for an early solution for the crisis in Cyprus, with a view to step up international effort in that direction.

British officials said that Thatcher and other Western leaders are expected to play a role to promote the UN-sponsored talks on Cyprus.

New cabinet

MOSCOW, July 10, (KUNA): The Supreme Soviet today re-appointed Internal Affairs Minister Vadim Bakadin in the new cabinet.

The official Tass news agency said 414 deputies voted for Bakadin, seven against and 28 abstained.

It said 52-year-old Bakadin, who assumed this post eight months ago, had ruled out in a policy statement the possibility of supporting the phenomenon of crime in the Soviet Union but promised to curb it down within the coming two years.

Cambodian rebels

BANGKOK, Thailand, July 10, (AP): Rebel forces are poised to strike against Cambodia's pro-Hanoi government after the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops from the country, official Cambodian media reported today.

An editorial in the Communist Party newspaper Frachachon quoted party officials as saying the guerrillas had intensified their infiltration of troops and supplies from frontier areas into the interior and stepped up psychological warfare.

Swiss protestors

ZURICH, Switzerland, July 10, (AP): Police used tear gas and rubber bullets to stop protesters against the housing shortage from smashing shop windows and erecting barricades in central Zurich, police said yesterday.

The demonstrations, which began at 1400 local time (1200 GMT) Saturday and turned violent in early evening, did several thousand Swiss francs (more than \$100,000 in damage), police said.

OAU meeting

ARUSHA, Tanzania, July 10, (Reuters): African foreign ministers said today that South Africa was trying to rig the November elections for Namibia's first independent government.

The ministers, in this northern Tanzanian town for an Organisation of African Unity (OAU) liberation committee meeting, which opened today, said the United Nations should work harder to control South African activity in Namibia.

Aoun plans air strikes

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draw from Lebanon," Aoun told a news conference at his shell-pocked presidential palace.

"Then I will be willing to reduce the amount of weapons I have," said Aoun.

"But I will not allow Lebanon to be wiped out," he added.

Aoun summoned the ambassadors of the five permanent member states of the UN Security Council — the United States, the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China — and informed them of his decision, aides said.

But US Ambassador John McCarty prevailed upon Aoun to postpone the strikes and avert a major escalation of hostilities that could undermine the Arab League's current peacekeeping efforts, according to the aides.

This morning, a Syrian gunboat intercepted the Santa Maria hovercraft that has been running the gauntlet of Syrian shellfire to ferry Christian passengers from the beleaguered enclave to Cyprus.

The Santa Maria was stopped by the gunboat for two hours after leaving the port of Jounieh. It was then allowed to continue its journey to Larnaca, the aide said.

Syrian artillery emplacements in West Beirut and north Lebanon shelled residential districts in Christian East Beirut overnight and sporadically pounded the enclave's coast north of the capital after daybreak, police reported.

Aoun's gunners struck back at the seaside districts of Ein Mreisseh and Maramel in Beirut's Muslim sector, said a police spokesman who cannot be identified under standing regulations.

China's Communist Party expels 452 members

BEIJING, July 10, (AP): The ruling Communist Party, seeking to improve an image tarnished by its harsh suppression of dissent, said today that it has expelled hundreds of its members for corruption.

The People's Daily, official mouthpiece of the 47.7-million-member party, said 452 officials in the southern province of Guizhou had been expelled for corruption during the first half of 1969.

Yesterday it was reported that one local party leader in Guizhou was given the death sentence for selling counterfeit brand liquor.

The official press recently has highlighted crackdowns on corruption as part of a propaganda drive to improve its image and secure popular loyalty following the suppression of the student-led pro-democracy movement last month.

The students won wide support

among the populace by demanding action to end rampant corruption among Chinese officials.

Protesters frequently referred to how leaders use their influence to obtain good jobs and trips abroad for their children. Among those criticized was senior leader Deng Xiaoping, whose son Deng Pufang formerly had connections with a company singled out for involvement in speculation and profiteering.

The People's Daily said today that instances of party members involved in bribe-taking and graft in Guizhou were up 25 per cent from the first half of 1968, and that top priority should be given to investigating the behaviour of party members.

It also reported that the vice-chairman of the Commodity Prices Committee in the western province of Gansu, Wang Yuntian, was expelled from the party for making 630,000 yuan

(\$170,000) by profiteering in sugar.

The front-page article said another Gansu official was tricked out of 300,000 yuan (\$81,000) during an unauthorised trip to Hong Kong.

Chinese leaders yesterday also gave an abject lesson in survival during a nationwide crackdown on democracy movement activists: crime may not pay, but being a stool pigeon does.

State-run television reported on its national evening newscast that a man

who turned himself in to police for allegedly having participated in a train-burning incident last month in Shanghai was set free after informing on others.

Meanwhile, a Taiwan journalist detained by Chinese authorities for more than a week on charges linked to the crackdown on the democracy movement will be released as early as tomorrow, visiting Taiwan reporters said today in Beijing.

US aid plan for Poland

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was a lowering of Poland's 100-per cent annual inflation and an easing of government subsidies for heavy industry.

Baker said Bush "recognizes there will be some trying times ahead" for Poland in meeting US and international standards.

Bush said the Polish people must choose either a free market economy or socialism. "Your responsibility for your country's future is immense," he told the parliament.

Earlier, in a speech at a luncheon with Jaruzelski, Bush called on both the Communist Party and the opposition Solidarity movement "to rise above the mistrust" and work together to meet common challenges.

"The United States will stand with Poland," Bush promised. "We will support Poland's hopeful mission, unparalleled in your history."

The day opened with wreath-laying at the tomb of the unknown soldier.

Earlier, at a lunch for government and Solidarity leaders, Bush referred to the heritage of mistrust that divided the two factions.

"Your challenge is to rise above the mistrust and bring the Polish people together for a common purpose," he said. "These are hopeful times for Poland, a special moment in Poland's history."

Boats collide

TAIPEI, July 10, (UPI): A Taiwanese fishing boat collided Friday morning with a Chinese boat near the island of Kinmen, China Broadcasting Co. reported yesterday.

Rangoon blast rocks city hall

Pull troops off the streets: Suu Kyi

BANGKOK, July 10, (Agencies): A bomb exploded at Rangoon city hall today, killing three people and wounding four, Rangoon Radio said.

The blast occurred several hours after a speech by opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi at a nearby Pagoda in defiance of the martial law imposed after last September's military takeover in Burma, now renamed Myanmar.

The state-run radio, monitored in Bangkok, did not say who was suspected of planting the bomb. The radio said the bomb was in a cupboard near an elevator by the main entrance of the imposing city hall, which dates from British colonial days.

It exploded when a worker opened the cupboard. A policeman was among those wounded.

Thai-Burmese border clash

BANGKOK, July 10, (UPI): Thai troops fired on Burmese forces that crossed into Thai territory in pursuit of ethnic guerrillas, killing at least one Burmese soldier before the intruders retreated back across the border, Thai intelligence sources said today.

Thai forces went on full alert along a remote stretch of the border in Mae Hong Son province, 400 miles (640 km) northwest of Bangkok, following the clash yesterday, the sources said.

About 200 Burmese troops entered Thai territory in pursuit of ethnic Karen guerrillas on Saturday, penetrating about one mile (2 km) into Thai territory, said a police official who asked not to be identified.

Thai border forces ordered the Burmese to leave Thai territory yesterday, but a brief fire fight broke out, apparently because the Burmese believed the Thais were trying to lure them into a Karen ambush, another Thai official at the border said in a telephone interview.

The official said one Burmese soldier was killed in the brief clash. He said Thai forces did not suffer any casualties.

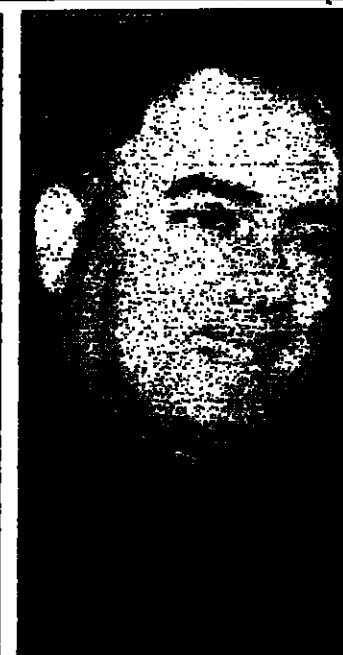
Sources said the governor of Mae Hong Son and provincial police chief inspected the area where intermediaries explained to the Burmese that the Thai troops were not working with the Karens and repeated the demand for the Burmese to leave.

diplomats said was the biggest political rally in Rangoon since the Army takeover.

The crowds gathered in defiance of martial law regulations to hear the popular Suu Kyi deliver the latest in a series of speeches denouncing military rule. Gatherings of more than five people have been banned

since last September.

Suu Kyi, addressing the crowd from the offices of the largest student-led political party, the Democratic Party for New Society, continued her criticisms of former strongman Ne Win and repeated calls for dialogue with Gen. Saw Maung's ruling military council.



Rajiv Gandhi

'Pakistan setting dangerous precedent'

PARIS, July 10, (KUNA): Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi expressed his concern over neighbouring Pakistan's nuclear programme, saying that it was a "dangerous precedent."

In an interview appearing in the latest edition of "Le Point" weekly magazine, the Indian leader noted that Pakistan's nuclear programme was one of India's major concerns.

"The programme of the Pakistanis is continuing and it is not slowing down, it is a very dangerous precedent, we do not want nuclear weapons in South-East Asia," he said.

He denied allegations about India having the A-bomb, pointing out that India was "the only country capable of making the bomb and not wanting to do it."

"The sophisticated weapons we are trying to manufacture are precisely meant to avoid nuclear arms," he added.

Talking about current Indo-Pakistani relations, Rajiv noted that they have "progressed" due to the "very positive attitude" of Pakistani Premier Benazir Bhutto.

"We are of the same generation, we can talk more freely," he said.

Questioned about Indian forces stationed in Sri Lanka, Rajiv indicated that a very fast withdrawal of those troops, as called for by the President of Sri Lanka, "would cause terrible unrest in Sri Lanka."

Rajiv is due in Paris on Wednesday, at the invitation of President Francois Mitterrand, to attend celebrations of the bicentenary of the French Revolution on July 14.

Rajiv and Benazir Bhutto are among the 30 world leaders invited by President Mitterrand for the bicentenary.

Images of Rajiv mingling with world leaders in Paris and talking to Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev in Moscow on his way home are sure to dominate Indian television, an increasingly influential medium his opponents accuse him of hijacking.

"It's a great opportunity for him to project himself back home as a world statesman among equals with the election coming up," said one Western diplomat.

That aside, Rajiv has plenty he wants to talk about, especially with Bush and Benazir.

Officials said his programme of bilateral talks in Paris had not been set, but that Rajiv hoped to meet both.

The United States has upset India profoundly by breaching an unfair trade barrier legislation that threatens reprisals.

US arms to Pakistan

Pant expresses Indian concern

NEW DELHI, July 10, (KUNA): India has expressed concern over continued supply of sophisticated arms by the Bush administration to Pakistan.

India's viewpoint was conveyed by Indian Defence Minister K. C. Pant to the US administration, during his visit to Washington which concluded last night.

Talking to newsmen here today, Pant said that he had told the US that the supply of weapons to Pakistan did create a security problem in the South Asian region.

Despite withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan, the supply of sophisticated defence equipment to Pakistan continued, said the minister.

Pant was referring to supply of 60 F-16 aircraft to Islamabad by the Bush administration.

Pant said his country had taken a number of measures to further improve its ties with the democratically elected govern-

ment of Benazir Bhutto. He said if the American arms supply continued, India would be obliged to take necessary steps to strengthen its defence.

During his US visit, Pant had detailed talks with Vice-President Dan Quayle and Defence Secretary Cheney on strengthening defence co-operation between the two countries.

He described his visit as very successful as it has helped both the countries understand each other's viewpoint on various issues.

Pant held wide-ranging discussions on global and regional security issues, India's missile programme, co-operation in the field of high technology and service to service interaction.

Washington assistance in development of light combat aircraft also came up for discussion.

Pant said the US appreciated India's role in Sri Lanka. It felt that Sri Lanka and India should work out an agreement on withdrawal of the Indian troops from the island nation.

Palme murder trial ends

Court rejects defence plea

STOCKHOLM, July 10, (AP): The man accused of killing Prime Minister Olof Palme proclaimed his innocence again today but a court rejected a defence plea that he be freed for lack of evidence.

Christer Pettersson is accused of shooting Palme as the prime minister was walking home after seeing a movie with his wife, Lisbeth, on Feb 28, 1986.

The 42-year-old defendant, asked for a final statement, ended it saying "my name is Christer Pettersson and I did not kill Olof Palme. That is for the moment the only happy thing in this case."

Mrs Palme identified Pettersson in court as the man she saw a few feet (metres) away immediately after her husband fell with a fatal gunshot wound in the back. Pettersson said he was 30 kilometres (17 miles) away at the time.

The court, adjourning the trial after five weeks, said it would announce on Thursday the date when it will pronounce a verdict. It rejected a defence demand for Pettersson's immediate release.

"It must simply not happen that an innocent person is sentenced ... and that we have a miscarriage of justice," defence counsel Arne Lijeros told the Stockholm District court during final arguments today.

Lijeros said there was no evidence to support what he called the unreliable testimony of

Mrs Palme and five other witnesses who said they saw Pettersson at or near the scene of the shooting.

The prosecution had no murder weapon, no fingerprints, nor any trace of gunpowder stains on Pettersson's clothes to link him to the crime, Lijeros said.

Pettersson was being tried by a tribunal of two judges and six jurors, all of whom have an equal vote on the verdict. A majority vote is sufficient. Pettersson faces a possible life sentence, but in practice all life sentences are commuted to less than 20 years.

Lijeros denounced Mrs Palme for what he said was her lack of co-operation during the investigation and for setting conditions for her appearance in court. He also criticised the court for accepting the conditions.

"Lisbeth Palme poses a threat to the rule of law in this case," he said.

Mrs Palme, who appeared June 19, demanded that Pettersson be removed from the courtroom while she testified and that her testimony not be recorded on tape. The court rejected her demand that she testify behind closed doors.

Pettersson was brought into the courtroom at the end of her testimony for her identification. She said she was certain he was the man she saw when he looked up for help as her husband was dying.

Kidnap victim's 'ear' found

LOCRI, Italy, July 10, (Reuters): Police in the heart of Italian bandit country found a photograph today of a kidnap victim and what was apparently a piece of his ear.

They said a package dumped in Locri, on the toe of Italy, also contained Andrea Cortellezzi's driving licence and a letter from him begging his father to pay a three billion lire (two million dollar) ransom.

Cortellezzi, 21, disappeared from his home near Milan in February and is one of six people believed to be held by kidnap gangs in the rugged Apennine mountains near Locri.

The photograph of Cortellezzi showed a gash in place of the upper part of one ear, police said.

Cortellezzi's family owns a building equipment factory and had received letters demanding money in the past few days.

Monday's discovery was the first reliable sign that he had been kidnapped. A major police operation has been under way for two weeks in the Apennines without significant success.

Soviets aired musical show instead

Blackout on moon landing regretted

MOSCOW, July 10, (UPI): The premier Soviet space journalist apologised yesterday to Americans for his nation's blackout on the Apollo Moon landing 20 years ago on television by showing a programme on musicals instead.

"Late in the evening of July 21, 1969, while the whole world was breathlessly watching the first landing of man on the moon, our central television was showing 'through the eyes of musical shows,'" Yaroslav Golovanov wrote in the Sunday Ogonek magazine.

"We were showing more disrespect for ourselves than for the astronauts or the country that sent them," Golovanov, acknowledged dean of Soviet Space Journalists, wrote in Ogonek, the nation's most popular weekly

magazine.

Golovanov, a space writer for more than 30 years since the Soviets launched Sputnik in 1957 to open the space age, castigated the blackout of the pioneering Apollo 11 Moon landing of Neil Armstrong as well as the silence about the four subsequent Apollo landings.

"Our people know of the Apollo programme by hearsay," Golovanov said. "Everyone is surprised when you say that 12 earthmen travelled to the Moon."

"But it's never too late to rectify an error," he said. "Now 20 years after the first steps were made on the Moon, I want to tell you about the historic Apollo 11 flight and the crew (Armstrong, Edwin Aldrin and Michael

Collins)."

The blackout came during the pre-dawn day of Leonid Brezhnev. But Golovanov shed little light on whether the Soviets were trying to upstage the Americans with a launch of a mystery probe, Luna 15, to bring back Moon rocks during the Apollo mission. Luna 15 crashed into the Moon the day Armstrong put down, but its trajectory forced Astronaut Frank Borman to contact the Russians via the presidential hotline.

Recalling the American press coverage of the Apollo 11 landing and the perplexing Luna 15 probe, Golovanov said: "The most tried to find something to foretell, something to hint at."



Joint military commission

Lt. General Imtiaz Warraich (left) leader of the Pakistan Army delegation for talks on the Siachen Glacier issue shakes hands with General V N Sharma, Indian Chief of Army Staff, during a call on in New Delhi on Monday. India and Pakistan Army delegation begin two-day talks for a joint military commission for the redeployment of forces from the disputed Glacier. (Reuters wirephoto)

Mexican opposition vows civil disobedience

MEXICO CITY, July 10, (AP): Opposition party members threatened to block roads and government buildings today if the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party robs them of the Michoacan state legislative elections they claim to have won.

"The government is obliging us to take action by not respecting the popular will," federal Congressman Raul Reyes of the leftist Democratic Revolutionary Party said.

"It doesn't know what it is getting into by whisking away our triumph," Reyes told reporters last night, as local election boards in Michoacan and in Baja California recounted ballots from July 2 elections.

Reyes said that official results released by the state electoral commission for 5 of the 18 contested districts were fraudulent. That count gave the PRI victories by as much as 2-1.

Reyes announced that members of his party planned to block roads and highways today and stage sit-ins at state government

office if the trend of elections fraud continues.

The elections in five states were a test of President Carlos Salinas de Gortari's promise to do away with Mexico's traditional fraudulent balloting system after his own election in July 1988 was marked by accusations of irregularities.

In an unprecedented about-face, Salinas' party — popularly known as the PRI — recently admitted its worst defeat by conceding victory to Ernesto Ruffo, 37, of the Conservative National Action Party as governor of Baja California.

Overriding protests by PRI state leaders, the party's national chairman Luis Donald Colosio publicly admitted that PRI candidate Margarita Ortega, 38, had lost.

During its 60 years of existence, the PRI had never conceded a race for president, governor or the senate. But last year National Action and the Democratic Revolutionary Party carried Michoacan and Mexico City and won senate seats.

Honecker is in ICU

HAMBURG, July 10, (AP): Doctors are fighting to save the life of East German Communist Party leader Erich Honecker, who is in the intensive care unit of a hospital for top officials in East Berlin, the West German mass-circulation newspaper Bild said today.

There was no independent confirmation of the report and East Germany's closely-controlled media remained silent of Honecker's condition today.

Honecker, 76, was forced to return home to East Berlin early from a Warsaw Pact summit in Bucharest, Romania, on Saturday. The state-run news agency ADN said at the time he was suffering from an acute gallbladder ailment.

There have been no reports about Honecker's condition since then in the official East German media.

Bild, quoting no sources for its report, said "top East German doctors were fighting to save Honecker's life."

The newspaper said Honecker had been taken to the intensive care unit of the Buch Hospital in East Berlin.

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Rebel rockets kill 30 in Afghan capital

KABUL, July 10, (Reuters): Mujahedeen guerrillas rained 53 rockets on Kabul today, killing 30 people and wounding 167 in the most savage shelling of the Afghan capital for a year, government officials and hospital staff said.

United Nations officials in Kabul said they had urgently requested their Geneva office to airlift medical supplies to Afghanistan.

Jean-Jacques Fressard, head of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Kabul, said hospitals were unable to cope with the number of wounded.

"The situation is really serious," he told Reuters.

The attack began shortly after midnight when a rocket landed on an ammunition depot near the airport, causing explosions and huge flames which lit up the sky for about two hours.

Foreign relief workers living in central Kabul said they had been sleeping under stairways for the past few nights for fear of rockets.

The Supreme Defence Council held emergency meetings yesterday and today to discuss the attacks on Kabul, which has come under increased shelling in the past week from the Muslim rebels fighting to overthrow the pro-Soviet Afghan government.

The rocket which ignited the ammunition depot marked the first time in several months the rebels had hit a purely military target in the city. Most missiles landed in residential areas, causing little damage to buildings but killing victims in a hail of fragments.

Afghan officials said they believed the rebels were firing from bases 40-50 km (25-30 miles) away and were pinpointing targets rather than aiming

haphazardly as in the past.

He said the rockets had been carefully fired in the last few days, landing on centrally-located and densely-populated areas.

The rockets today hit seven of the capital's 11 administrative districts.

Meanwhile, the US special envoy to the Afghan rebels, Peter Tomsen, returned to Islamabad yesterday from Quetta, where he

spent two days meeting resistance leaders and visiting refugee camps.

According to Afghan Media Resource Centre, Tomsen described his meeting with the commissioner as "good".

"I appreciate the efforts of Pakistani authorities in connection with the assistance being provided to Afghan refugees," Tomsen was quoted as saying.

Son of imam backs old rival

NICOSIA, Cyprus, July 10, (AP): The son of the late Ayatollah Khomeini today endorsed his political rival, Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, in the July 28 presidential elections, the Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

Ahmad Khomeini's surprise move was seen as an effort to avoid a head-on confrontation between Tehran's radicals and Rafsanjani's so-called pragmatists during the poll.

IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Ahmad, 43, as describing Rafsanjani as "a pioneer in defending Islam... one of the late leader's honest and loyal aides."

Tehran's media speaks of Rafsanjani's election as a forgone conclusion.

His only rival in the presidential poll is Abbas Sheibani, a former agriculture minister and member of the Freedom Movement opposition group.

The 12-member Council of Guardians, a constitutional watchdog body, rejected 79 other Iranians who applied to run in the presidential elections held in the aftermath of Ayatollah Khomeini's death June 3.

Iranian dissidents charge that Rafsanjani engineered Sheibani's candidacy as a no-hope rival as a cosmetic exercise.

The lack of a serious challenge by a political heavyweight underlined analysts' belief that neither faction in Tehran is yet prepared for a collision. But many believe that a confrontation will come.

Incumbent President Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's second four-year term expires Oct 5. Khamenei, who has succeeded Khomeini as Iran's religious leader, cannot run for a third term.

Rafsanjani is likely to have more executive power than Khamenei had for most of his presidency.

Iranians are expected to approve proposed constitutional reforms, enhancing the powers of the presidency at the expense of the prime ministry, in a referendum to be held at the same time as the presidential poll.

The political ambitions of Ahmad are backed by a radical camp led by Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi.

The revolutionary radicals are at odds with Rafsanjani's pragmatism, and his policies of a more laissez-faire economy and mending ties with the West.

Khomeini had kept the two factions in check, letting neither gain the upper hand.

Ahmad has never held any official post. But he was influential while his father was alive because he controlled access to him and formed alliances with key figures in the hierarchy.

He had presidential aspirations, but his sister, Mrs Zahra Mostafavi, said the elder Khomeini refused to let him run for political office.

He may have been placated by a letter from Rafsanjani and 204 other parliamentary deputies last month asking him to run for the house in Rafsanjani's Tehran district, which the Speaker will have to vacate.

Tehran newspapers said that was part of a campaign to get Ahmad elected as Speaker to replace Rafsanjani, apparently to placate him and head off an open confrontation.

Ahmad replied that he needed time to consider the offer because he was too emotionally drained by his father's death.

Women mourning the death of Ayatollah Khomeini have been crushed to death or injured at his house during weekly meetings which have now been cancelled, Tehran radio said today.



'I am with the Intifada'

Fayrouz, one of the Arab world's best-known singers, walks out of the Egyptian Ministry of Culture in Cairo Monday after a news conference where the singer said that "all her feelings" were with Palestinians in revolt against Israeli occupation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Fayrouz is due next week to give three performances of a concert entitled, "Egypt, Your Golden Sun is Back," performing on a special stage at the foot of the 4,600-year-old Sphinx with the three Giza pyramids as a backdrop. (Reuters wirephoto)

Angry Israelis stone Arabs

Palestinian teen shot dead

JERUSALEM, July 10, (Reuters): Security forces gunned down a 17-year-old Palestinian wanted by Israel in Ramallah in the occupied West Bank today.

An Army spokesman said the youth refused an order to stop but Arab witnesses contested this, saying he was shot without provocation while walking.

The witnesses said the teenager, Yasser Mohamed Abu Kteish of Betunia Village, was shot four times in the head and back. He was alive when taken into custody but denied medical treatment, they said.

Abu Kteish was one of two teenagers to die of Army gunshot wounds today bringing the death toll of a 19-month-old uprising to 547 Arabs and 36 Jews.

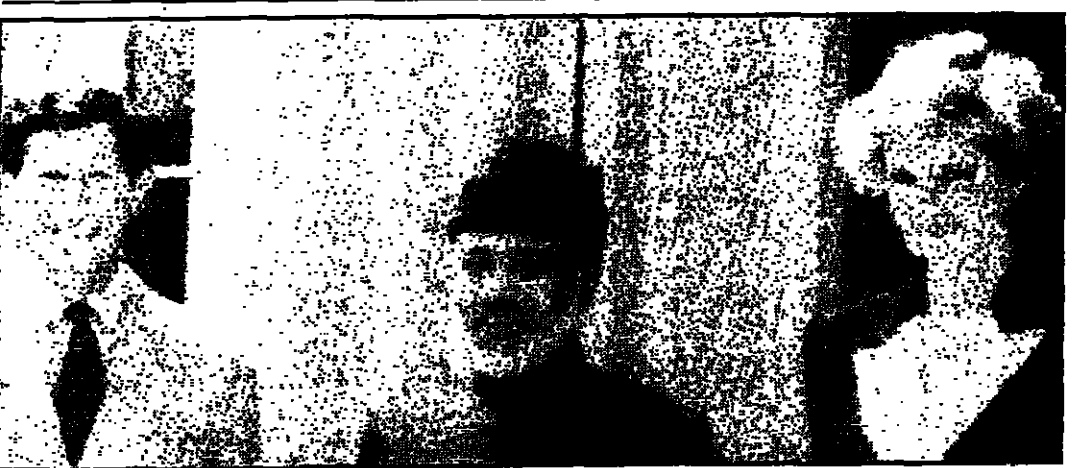
The Army spokesman said the youth was wanted for taking part in anti-Israeli attacks.

Asked if Abu Kteish was shot by troops, the spokesman said they were "security forces."

Mahyoub Musa Shuman, 15, was shot in the head during raids overnight at Abu Falah village near Ramallah. He died early today at Hadassah Hospital, military officials said.

In the Gaza Strip, Palestinians said Jewish settlers stoned Arabs on their way to work in Israel and at the entrance to Nuseirat Refugee Camp.

Israelis also stoned the car of leftist Parliamentarian Dedi Zucker, of the Citizens Rights Movement.



Just visiting

The Sultan of Oman, Qaboos Bin Said Al Said, center, is shown with the Prince and Princess of Wales at Highgrove House, Gloucester, England.

The royal couple entertained the Sultan Sunday at their private Gloucester home. (Reuters wirephoto)

57 arrested for training youths in terrorism

CAIRO, Egypt, July 10, (AP): Dozens of extremists Muslim fundamentalists were arrested today for allegedly training young boys in violence and illegally inciting them to use it against the government, a security source said.

The source said police made 57 arrests in dawn swoops to break up a terror school for children as young as 7 years old at Zagazig, capital of the Nile Delta province of Sharkiya.

The city is 53 miles (85 km) northeast of Cairo. About 40 boys aged 7-15 were recruited by extremists who "trained them in the use of violence and incited them with lectures to hate the present system of government," said the source, who refused use of his name.

He gave no specifics on that but said the extremists exploited the boy's summer school holidays, which began last month, for the terror lessons in the courtyard of a religious

institute. He refused to identify the institute. Muslim fundamentalists advocate implementation of Sharia, the ethical and legal code enshrined in Islam's holy book the Quran.

The government maintains that more than 90 percent of Egypt's laws already conform to Sharia and that the rest will be brought in line gradually.

Prisoners protest

Hunger strikers seek their rights

ESKISEHIR, Turkey, July 10, (Reuters): "Give us back our rights," shouted a red-eyed inmate as reporters made a rare tour of a jail for political prisoners in Turkey.

The prisoner was one of 80 hunger strikers protesting against tougher disciplinary measures taken by authorities since two unfinished escape tunnels were discovered at the jail last month.

Prisoners had fashioned potatoes to resemble life-sized human heads, and left them on pillows in a cell to deceive warders while using iron bars to try to dig through the concrete floor to freedom.

Para-military gendarmes with machineguns ringed the jail, where about 320 inmates are kept.

Human rights activists in Ankara said as many as 200 prisoners would probably soon be fasting at Eskisehir in protest at reduced food rations and bans on visits and typewriters.

Denounced as "left-wing terrorists" by prosecutors, those held near this western city in the Anatolian heartland are among 3,000 people Western diplomats estimate are jailed for political offences in Turkey.

Some have been in prison since extremist political violence which led to Army rule in 1980 to 1983, the diplomats said.

"Hunger strikes and tunnels are two realities for Turkey," Justice Minister Oltan Sungurlu told the visiting reporters. "Hunger strikes are among the most commonly-used moral pressure tools."

Harm

"We provide the best we can for prisoners on hunger strikes. But it will entirely be their own responsibility if they harm themselves... There is nothing else we can do," he added.

Last year there was a wave of hunger strikes across Turkish jails, involving some 2,500 inmates. No-one died from these protests, which were over changes in prison regulations, but from 1980 to 1988 12 political prisoners died on hunger strikes.

Twenty-seven prisoners, mostly far leftists, escaped last year by tunnel from high security prisons in Istanbul and at Kirehir, southeast of Ankara. Only a handful were recaptured.

"We are fighting, going on hunger strikes and dying... Conditions have improved over the

last year. But that's not enough," prisoner Recep Hidar said in broken English.

Hidar, a leftist, is among about 220 people in Turkey held in jail after being sentenced to death. Hidar was sentenced for attempts to overthrow constitutional order by force, being one of the leaders of a banned extreme left group.

Lawyers and human rights activists said the government was studying ways to commute the death sentences to life imprisonment. The last judicial execution was in 1984.

They added that it was unlikely Turkey would invoke the death penalty at a time when it was applying for membership of the European Economic Community and trying to brush up its democratic image.

"Under torture, they got everything they wanted us to tell them," said Hidar. "We will not beg forgiveness from anyone and we will fight until we get back our rights."

The London-based human rights organisation Amnesty International has repeatedly accused Turkey during the last decade of the systematic torture of its prisoners.

It said in a report on Turkey issued in January that no fundamental changes had been observed in the widespread use of torture against detainees and prisoners.

Amnesty alleged 17 people were tortured to death in 1987 and eight died in custody in the first 10 months of last year in Turkey, which signed UN and European anti-torture conventions in 1988.

Assaults

Torture described in the report included beating the soles of the feet, and hosing down prisoners with ice-cold water or administering electric shocks.

Amnesty also reported deprivation of food, sleep or drink, incarceration in a small cell, sexual assaults, rape attempts and mental torture, including the forced witnessing of other prisoners being tortured.

Turkey recently set up an official body to investigate torture claims.

Human rights activists said the number of torture cases appeared to be falling because of fewer arrests and civilian rule under reformist Prime Minister Turgut Ozal since 1983.

Palestinian freedom fighters

DAMASCUS, July 10, (KUNA): A committee for solidarity with Palestinian detainees yesterday called on the United Nations and international human rights organisations to promptly intervene and try to save the Palestinian freedom fighter Sheikh Mohammed Raja Nussairat, 65.

The appeal addressed to the UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, the international committee of the Red Cross, the Amnesty International and other humanitarian organisations, the Damascus-based committee said Sheikh Nussairat has so far spent 14 years in Zionist prisons and he is suffering grave diseases.

Extradition treaty

NICOSIA, Cyprus, July 10, (AP): Iran and Turkey yesterday signed an extradition treaty and an agreement on modernising border posts between the two countries, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, said the accords were included in a six-point protocol signed after a two-day meeting of a bilateral border commission. It said the commission met for the first time in 14 years, at the northeastern Iranian town of Urumiyeh in West Azerbaijan province.

Anti-smoking campaign

ROME, July 10, (AP): The Libyan government has announced a ban on smoking in public places and on all cigarette advertising in the country, the official Libyan news agency JANA said today.

The agency, monitored in Rome, said the government decided on June 26 to impose the ban for public health reasons but did not publish the decision until yesterday.

The ban will prohibit smoking at public places such as government institutions, schools and cinemas and on most forms of public transportation.

Palestinian film wins

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 10, (Reuters): A Palestinian from the occupied Gaza Strip won the award for the best short film at Israel's Jerusalem Film Festival but was afraid to pick it up because of the surge in anti-Arab violence.

"The Shelter", which won a \$10,000 prize, shows the plight of Arab workers from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The film is directed by Rashid Mashrawi and produced by Bashir Abu Raba who told Reuters that Mashrawi could not attend the award ceremony on Saturday night because it was not safe to leave the Gaza Strip and drive through Israel.

A Palestinian from Gaza was killed that day by Israelis who stoned his car causing it to crash in a reprisal attack for the killing of 14 people in an Israeli bus on Thursday.

Lebanese MP dies

BEIRUT, July 10, (KUNA): A Lebanese deputy Bachir Al Aour died here today at the age of 80 following a long struggle with a chronic disease.

Aour is the 23rd Lebanese MP to die since its election 17 years ago and is the fifth from the Druze sect to die out of six represented in parliament.

The 99-member parliament was elected in 1972 and had since then re-elected itself since the civil war in Lebanon prevented holding general elections over the past 17 years.

Aour was first elected in 1951 for the southern Metn mountainous region and was re-elected since then several times.

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KFAS to host Islamic development conference

DR ABBAS Abdul Latif Khan, the director of the Cultural Affairs and Conferences Department at the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science (KFAS) has said that the KFAS will be hosting a conference on advanced technologies and development of the Islamic world during the period December 2 to 5, in co-operation with the Islamic Science Academy emanating from the Islamic Conference Organisation.

Speaking to a local daily, he said that the higher organising committee held three meetings since last year and is expected to hold the fourth in Jordan next September to prepare for this forthcoming conference.

The main topics on the conference's agenda will deal with the possibility of using advanced technologies in the process of development in Islamic countries. Participants will include 12 elite Arab and Muslim scientists and scholars, four Western scientists will also be joining in to discuss a total of 16 research studies.

Disciplines

The studies will cover areas dealing in specialised scientific disciplines such as micro electronics, data systems, bio-technology, energy, food security, agro-production, industrialisation, natural resources, education, health and environmental protection, the official said.

He pointed out that a fiercer on the conference and scale of rating for the subjects to be discussed will be provided to a panel of Muslim scholars who will be responsible for grading the subjects to be discussed.

The department's intention to contribute to a number of activities scheduled for implementation during the second half of the 1989 includes educational campaign on AIDS, the 4th International Conference on the recycling and re-use of waste water, 2nd conference on Arab Arithmetical Logarithms, Symposium on the Arab-Israeli conflict, Kuwaiti symposium on fish and shrimp hunting and some other issues of relevance.

Municipal budget

THE budget allocated for Kuwait Municipality for the current 1989/90 fiscal year, is KD72.96 million, while the revenues have been estimated at KD33.54 million. The difference of over KD39 million will be covered by government allocations. The financial allocations for the first chapter of the budget (salaries) is estimated at KD49.8 million, followed by allocations to commodities and services of KD15.46 million. The revenues are expected to come from four main sources; charges estimated at KD861,500, services revenues estimated at KD1,367,000, sales estimated at KD110,000 and other revenues estimated at KD706,500.

Plan to increase local production of eggs, milk

Severe competition from imported produce

THE director of the botanic wealth department at the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Wealth Jasssem Al Bader has said that the coming five-year plan of the authority (1990/95) aims at increasing local egg production by 75 per cent by producing 507 million eggs compared to the present production of 250 million eggs that forms 45 per cent of local consumption of eggs in 1989/90. He added that these figures have been arrived at

on basis of 250 eggs as production of a single chicken every year and 270 eggs as individual consumption in one year.

Headed that the coming plan also aims at increasing local production of fresh milk to meet 50 per cent of local consumption at the end of the plan. This can be achieved by producing 110,000 tons of fresh milk a year compared to 50,000 tons expected to be produced in 1989/90 which meets only 27 per cent of local

consumption. He added that this requires the increase of cows producing milk from 27,000 in 1989/90 to 39,000 in 1994/95. The average production of a cow is considered to be 4,000 litres a year with an annual increase of 7 per cent, he said.

Fish

He pointed out that fishing activities are considered to be less developed compared to animal and agricultural sectors due to

the political developments in the Arabian Gulf. But he added that although local fish production was 4,200 tons in 1984/85 this average remained the same till 1988/89. The production of shrimps reduced from 960 tons in 1984/85 to 300 tons in 1988/89. The average individual consumption of local fresh fish is three kilos while the total average of all species of fish consumed is estimated at 6 kilos.

Bader pointed out that the

number of chickens used as table meat increased from 20.5 million in 1984/85 to 26.2 million in 1988/89. Accordingly the production white meat increased from 25,700 tons in 1984/85 to 31,500 tons in 1988/89 which covered 51 per cent of total consumption in Kuwait. The number of chickens used for producing eggs was stable around one million due to the severe competition from imported eggs, he said.

New department in Farwaniya

No amendments to residence law

PALESTINIANS holding travel documents are not prohibited from visiting Kuwait or obtaining residence permits within the existing framework of regulations of the Ministry of Interior, according to a high ranking ministry official.

Rumours circulating contrary to this statement are without any basis, Col Ahmad Al Wihab, director-general of the General Immigration Administration (GIA) said and added that all nationalities are permitted to visit Kuwait provided they meet with required stipulations — the only exception to this rule applies to Israelis, the official said.

Wihab ruled out the possibility of amending or cancelling any of the existing laws applicable to the residence permits. He also did not subscribe to suggestions that residence permits could be obtained through the post. Passports and other supportive documents are considered to be highly valuable and there is every possibility of some of them going astray in the post, he added.

The GIA is to open a department of immigration at Farwan-

iya Governorate to facilitate and speed up these formalities in the interests of the people, Wihab said. He added that travel of citizens of the GCC states from one state to another within the GCC with the usage of their identification cards is to be shortly implemented. This course of action only awaits a political decision from interior ministers of the GCC states.

On the long awaited decision of granting permanent residence to certain categories of expatriates who have served Kuwait for extended periods of time, Wihab said that the issue is still pending with higher authorities. This has not been discussed by the GIA, he said.

Family residence
The official clarified that there is no law which prevents the transfer of residence permits from the government to one of family residence, provided the sponsor of the family meets with the required conditions. Along the same lines, there is no impediment for a woman who is married to transfer her residence from the sponsorship of her family to that of her husband so

long as the husband is working in the country. He added that no stipulations have been laid down for a minimum salary of the husband to sponsor his newly wedded spouse. The official further said that the law permits expatriates to bring their children and wife to join them as dependents in Kuwait. However, the law does not allow an expatriate to bring his father or mother or other relatives to join the family. Visit visas are issued for a period of one month only — which can be extended depending on the decision of the authorities, he added.

The GIA has begun granting non-Kuwaiti students who are studying abroad and have legal residence in Kuwait to stay out of Kuwait for a period of over six months as long as their residence permits remain valid.

Non-Kuwaiti students at Kuwait University and the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training can renew their residence permits after the age of 21 — this facility is not available to non-Kuwaiti students studying abroad, Wihab said.



Policemen honoured

Director of Capital Governorate Security, Col Ahmad Al Rajab yesterday honoured two policemen from the capital's patrols command, for their efforts which resulted in arresting four wanted men accused of carrying out a number of crimes. The function was attended by a number of high ranking officers from the Interior Ministry.

Strict security at haj

THE Commander of General Security in Saudi Arabia General Abdullah Al Sheikh said that security at Makkah, Medina and the holy ritual sites are being maintained at a high level of efficiency.

He added that security forces have taken all required measures to provide comprehensive security to pilgrims. The traffic and security patrols are performing their duties round the clock and controlling all roads leading to Makkah.

The patrols have been directed to exert every effort to ensure the safety, security and well-being of all pilgrims, Sheikh said.

Meanwhile, the Islamic International News Agency reported

that Saudi Arabia has carried out several important projects that facilitate performance of pilgrimage duty for pilgrims. Saudi government accorded concern to the sacred ritual sites. It constructed 28 tunnels of a total length of 17 kilometres in Mina beside building 14,000 WC utilities in the same area. It also built a new road network to serve pilgrims in Mina area. A road project for pedestrians was carried out to link Arafat Mountain with Makkah. Saudi Arabia also carried out some projects of water networks in Mina, a sewage treatment station, and 18 water reservoirs having a capacity of one million cubic metres at the sacred ritual sites.

Local goods to be marketed abroad

THE director-general of Kuwait International Fairs Company Mohammed Al Dakhlil has said that Kuwaiti external exhibits will be organised in some foreign countries expenses of which are to be borne by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. These exhibits aim at circulating and marketing national products and services. He added that a Kuwaiti commercial week will be organised in Baghdad from December 6-12, 1989. The week will include an exhibit for Kuwaiti industries, products and services such as commercial aviation, air-conditioning and cooling materials, spare parts, computer programmes, kitchen equipment and furniture.

Display

Kuwait will also have a special pavilion at the Baghdad International Exhibit to be opened from November 1-5, 1989. He added that 96 Kuwaiti national companies and industrial establishments will take part in the exhibit.

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Pharmacy studies to be upgraded next year

By Mahmoud Mural

THE secretary general of Kuwait Institute for Medical Specialisations Dr Abdulla Al Rifai has said that the institute will introduce for the first time a Masters Degree programme in pharmacy from the beginning of the academic year 90/1991. He added that this programme is considered an extension of the higher diploma programme that the institute began in September 1987 in co-operation with Queen University in Belfast of North Ireland.

Planning Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi who patronised the graduation ceremony of the first batch of pharmacists who obtained the higher diploma last January in his capacity as acting health minister told a local daily the Health Ministry is co-ordinating with Queen University to strengthen and support co-operation in the field of training pharmacists in Kuwait and to qualify them to obtain Masters and Doctorate degrees.

Example
Also speaking on the issue, the Rector of Queen University Professor Gordon Beviridge said that the learning system applied in pharmacy diploma programmes in Kuwait is considered an example that can be followed and expanded to cover the Arab Gulf states through the open university. The dean of Pharmacy College at the same university said that this programme is the first of its kind. Some countries like Malta, Egypt and Pakistan try to apply the same programme, the official said.

Meanwhile Rifai revealed that General Medical Council of North Ireland agreed recently to recognise the certificates of training and specialisation that are granted by the Kuwait Institute for Medical Specialisations after the visit of its representatives to Kuwait last April. He added that according to this recognition the graduates of training programmes of the institute who will register in programmes of higher studies at the faculties of medicine and pharmacy of North Ireland will be exempted from passing one year qualifying programme at these faculties.

Rifai pointed out that KIMS has imported a number of high technological equipment that enables it to develop its performance such as the R.CROM data system that is linked with a direct computer network with the National Medical Library in Washington. The system provides researchers with latest medical informations and are modernised every month, he said.

He added that KIMS will offer two specialised programmes of gynaecology one of four years duration and the other of one year. The two programmes are equal to their counterparts in UK. He added that KIMS's council agreed recently on starting the first specialising programme in society medicine from next January. The institute offered basic training to 70 fresh graduates of medicine during this year. The institute is now offering training programmes in internal diseases, surgery, paediatrics, radiology, lab, nuclear medicine, intensive care, family medicine and anaesthesia.



Children at the Kuwait society for the handicapped learn to integrate in society.

Serving the mentally retarded

Handicapped abilities being developed

THE Kuwait Society for the Handicapped provides various services and care to a total of 131 individuals and the society receives mentally retarded cases of both Kuwaitis and expatriates, Hashim Taqi, director of the society said.

He added that regulations specify that 75 per cent of admissions are reserved for Kuwaitis and the balance for non-Kuwaitis. Admission for children are provided to those between the ages of four to 14 years. They should also be free of any contagious diseases, the official said.

He pointed out that the society works to develop the abilities of the mentally retarded children to comfortably integrate with society and family. The society provides speech and movement therapy besides teaching them some hobbies like music and drawing. He added that every child in the society has a health



Hashim Al Taqi

file to be followed up by nurses. Taqi said that the society is the first Arab society that is using a British programme (Macaton) that serves mentally retarded children specially those who are not able to speak or hear. The programme is used after being Arabised and modified to suit the local environment. The

programme uses signals and symbols for children who cannot move their hands. He added that the society organises a monthly programme for all children of the society which includes cultural and entertainment visits beside the birthday celebrations of children. The society began giving the handicapped one month holiday every year. During this month the child lives with his family. He added that some families refuse to take their children home during these vacations. The month is also considered a 'holiday' for the employees at the society. The society offers training courses for families of the handicapped children to know how to deal and serve their children during this holiday. He added that there are a few volunteers in the society. There are no conditions to accept volunteers and no restrictions on nationality or degree of the volunteers, he said.

Housing questionnaire answered by citizens

ON the occasion of distributing the first batch of 355 houses at Al Qurain residential projects to citizens who had applied for sector B of the project, the authority represented by the Public Relations Office distributed a questionnaire.

The purpose of the questionnaire is to determine the views of citizens who have received their houses and to take into consideration their critical and constructive suggestions on these facilities provided to them.

One of the beneficiaries, Faleh Al Azmi said that he has chosen the Qurain project because he believes that it is one of the best projects implemented by the authority. He pointed out that houses in the Qurain project are characterised with large area, and good overall decoration. He said that the house he is living in now is adequate for his family and that it does not require any alterations. But he stated that Qurain houses are all painted with the regular paint which easily catches dirt. Most residents are forced to change the original paint to an oil paint because it is easier to clean and lasts longer. He suggested that in order to avoid contractors problems and over-charging on decoration, the authority should do the decoration upon the request of residents.

Choices

Mahdi Awwash, an employee at Kuwait Oil Company who has already received his house and is now living in it, said that he has chosen house model 2 because it contains an independent diwaniya and kitchen, in addition to the large area of the outside hall.

Ali Mubarak, an employee at the Ministry of Public Health said that he has chosen model 3 because it contains big halls. Regarding alterations, he added that he was forced to open a back door because his house opens on two streets. He prefers receiving a ready built house than receiving a loan to build and build due to the fact that he has no previous experience regarding construction.

Abdul Salam Mohammed Ahmad said that he had presented an application for a house ten years ago and preferred to live in Qurain because it is quieter, in addition to having all modern amenities.

He added that he had to change the decorations inside the bathrooms and hallways because they lacked good quality paint and finish.

Libraries centralised

THE director of the Educational Information Centre at the Ministry of Education Youssef Al Tarrah has said that the ministry annexed its central library and other specialised libraries to the centre as of November 1988. He added that this procedure supports the centre which is considered the base of the suggested National Centre of Educational Information in Kuwait. The ministry issued an order obliging all of its departments to provide the centre with copies of all printed materials issued by them which are deposited at the central library, he added.

Tarrah pointed out that the centre will start using the latest data systems during its coming five-year plan. The centre contributed in the international data systems such as CD ROM and ERIC to provide it with latest foreign documents through direct computer network. The centre began importing and using computers that are needed for this network. The coming five-year plan included a plan to distribute terminals to different departments of the ministry that are connected with the centre's computer in order to benefit from the instant data service.

Animals, sand dunes cause accidents in Wafra

By Naeef Al Agha

ABOUT 200 animals which include camels, sheep, and goats roam freely along the road to Wafra — the result of a worn-out prickly fence and the surface water tanks sparsely located off the road bring the much needed water supplies to the seemingly ownerless cattle.

Additionally sand dunes continually encroach on the road and the combination of animals and sand dunes have been cited as primary causes of traffic accidents, according to a local daily who undertook an opinion poll from local inhabitants.

Residents claimed that the municipal tractors always brush aside the sand piles accumulated on the road. However, these soon re-pile on the road under the effects of weather conditions. They query — Why do the tractors not broom the sand piles further off the road and contribute to lessening road accidents?

Hamad Mohammad Al Atiqi, owner of a local farm said that following government encouragement and attention accorded to farming and farmers, the number of farms in the area have increased substantially.

He said it would be better if farm products were marketed on location, instead of marketing the produce down town at the Shuwaikh Vegetables Market. This would help cut down on unnecessary high transport costs and reduce price competitions.

Abdulsayed Shabib concurred to the proposed on-location marketing of farming products, stressing the need to secure all necessary water requirements to farms through pipes fitted with metres, instead of the old-fashioned troublesome water-tanker techniques.

One important question was raised by one interviewed farmer and that is where is

the incinerator facility? He said that we were told to drive our refuse down to the incinerators in Fahahel or Mina Abdullah which are 60 kilometres away. But this is so far away, and we cannot dump our refuse on the road, nor could we bury it underground.

Another question not less important was why not turn the Wafra road into a two-way road and reduce traffic accidents caused by encroaching sand piles. One other problem was called into question and that is the pattern of free roaming cattle herds, despite the shades and barns allocated by the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources.

Hamad Al Atiqi and Abdul Sayed Shabib concurred that the government should encourage local nurseries and landscaping companies to purchase locally produced seedlings, particularly palm as 4,000 palm seedlings of the finest qualities

were available, while these companies insist on importing their supplies from Bahrain.

They also said government control was needed to regulate the supply-and-demand relationship between farmers and the brokers at the local vegetables market who would take advantage of profuse supply and offer very low prices.

They also requested the Ministry of Electricity and Water to set up an emergency office in the area and relieve residents from having to turn to Fahahel for help during power failures, particularly since there is a site allocated for this purpose.

Both paid high tribute to the services rendered by the Agricultural Co-operative Society, and requested the early provision of a petrol and diesel station in the area due to high demand for fuel for water extraction and ventilation equipment.

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BAHRAIN DIGEST

Bahrain sees steady population growth

BAHRAIN has maintained a steady population growth compared to other developing countries in view of its limited size and overall economic development since the first official population census was made in 1941. To date six censuses have been carried out with almost a ten-year gap in 1941, '50, '59, '65, '71 and '81.

According to the first census the total population of the island stood at 89,970 with nationals comprising nearly 83 per cent of the figure. With the advent of modernisation and economic growth and better standard of living the number of expatriate workers increased considerably in the following decades. Consequently the percentage of expatriates increased while that of the indigenous population decreased. By 1981, when the last census was held, nationals made up of almost 70 per cent of the total population. According to available 1988 statistics total population stood at 411,660 with 272,095 nationals and 139,565 expatriates.

The increase in the total population doubled over 1941 census from 109,650 to 143,135. There is expected to be around 40,000 more people from 1981 figures of 350,798 to 431,035 in 1991 as indicated by the medium population projection of the Central Statistics Organisation.

Growth

Bahrain, like its Gulf neighbours, experienced a dramatic increase of its population in the seventies primarily because of the rise of expatriate workforce and their families. The decade witnessed a tremendous economic growth in the island with the construction boom and the building of the nation's infrastructure. A record number of industrial, housing and road projects were under way and required the service of large number of workers. Consequently, hundreds and thousands of overseas workers, largely in the construction industry, were recruited from abroad.

Reduction

It is therefore interesting to note that the expatriate population reached record level when it increased four times from only 37,885 in 1971 to 112,378 in 1981. This increase was curbed when the expatriate population in the eighties maintained an average yearly increase of about 5,000 compared to 20,000 in the seventies. The trend reversed when after completion of the island's infrastructure more overseas workers were leaving than those coming in, during the eighties. This was also the first time when Bahrain's expatriate population witnessed a reduction. In 1987 expatriate population reduced from 139,567 in 1986 to 137,794. The fall is expected to be the same in number in 1989 over the preceding year. During the same period the national population maintained an annual average increase of around 8,000, with males slightly outnumbering the females.

Obstacles hinder transfer of technology: Sultan

Arab brain drain complicates problem

THERE are a number of obstacles hindering a full-fledged transfer of modern technology to Kuwait and the Third World, Assistant Director General of Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR), Dr Youssef Yacoub Al Sultan said yesterday. He added that among these obstacles is the absence of legal systems facilitating the transfer in addition to the lack of enough knowledge. He said that we also lack a comprehensive registration of modern technology inventions to keep up with the modern

technological instruments available in the international markets. He added that, the lack of experienced and skilled manpower to use modern technology, is also a big obstacle, in the transfer of technology. Sultan recently represented Kuwait in an international conference for "Technology Transfer" held in the USA. The conference was organised by the International Institute of Technology and was attended by 15 countries. Kuwait was the only Arab country to attend. He added that a number of

important research papers have been presented to the conference, including one by himself.

Sultan added that the lack of active participation of women in the workforce is another obstacle for transfer of technology from advanced countries to Kuwait and other Third World countries. He said that the absence of systems to link the education process with development, is another obstacle. Additionally, educational systems here do not contain adequate subjects on

technology. He also said that the ineffective participation of establishments in scientific research, hinders the transfer of technology or its development and keeps us unaware of developments abroad in the field of technology invention and transfer. Sultan added that the contribution of the public societies in this field is very limited and can be termed almost non-existent. He said that the brain drain from the Arab world to other countries, greatly contributes to further complicating the problem.

Speaking about other obstacles, Sultan, said that there are not enough contacts and co-operation between the higher education and scientific research authorities on the one hand, and the production and services sectors on the other hand. Moreover, the number of seminars and specialised courses held on this issue, is very limited. The almost total dependence on foreign engineering and consultancy offices is another important obstacle for the transfer of technology to Kuwait, Sultan said.



Pictured here (from left to right) are Dean of the medical school at Dublin University, Prof. Patrick Masterson, Dr Sadika Al Awadi, Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi and Prof. Conor Ward.

Doctorate in genetics for Sadika

SADIKAH AL AWADI has been conferred last week, with the degree of Doctorate by the University College of Dublin. The doctorate was awarded by the National University of Ireland on examination of her published work in the field of genetics.

Dr Sadika is the director, Centre of Clinical Genetics, Ministry of Public Health, in Kuwait. Her medical research papers have been published in major medical journals in Europe, the United States of America and the Middle East.

At the conferring ceremony, Dr Sadika was accompanied by her husband Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, Minister of Planning, Prof. Patrick Masterson, president of University College, in his address to the new graduates, paid special tribute to Dr Sadika and welcomed the honours presence of her husband at the graduation ceremony. He further expressed the hope of future co-operation between the State of Kuwait and the University of Dublin in the field of research on genetic diseases and the medical training for children.

On this occasion, HE Dr Patrick Hillery, President of the Irish Republic invited Dr Sadika

and her husband to be received at his official residence. The President was accompanied by his wife, Dr Maeve Hillery who has previously worked in Prof. Le Jeune's Genetic Centre in Paris. Prof. and Mrs. Conor Ward, Director of International Programmes, University College Dublin were also present.

President Hillery congratulated Dr Sadika on the extent of her work in the field of genetics. Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi in his address thanked the president, and expressed the hope that the friendly contacts which existed between the two countries would be consolidated in the future by means of social, cultural and educational co-operation.

The couple then visited the Children's Research Centre in Dublin to which Kuwait has made a contribution for its construction. Dr Sadika presented a bound copy of her published work on genetics to Prem Puri, Director of the Children's Research Centre. Puri expressed his thanks and looked forward to joint co-operation between Kuwait and Ireland in the field of research.

New anti-AIDS measures in UAE

Compulsory tests on all expats

ALL blood donors in the United Arab Emirates will be compulsory tested to ascertain that they are completely free from Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

This was one among a series of measures adopted by the UAE Health Minister, Hamad Al Medfa to fight the killer disease AIDS. Yesterday, the minister approved additional anti-AIDS measures to buttress the already existing national programme which contained a number of preventive measures to counteract the spread of the killer disease.

As per the terms of the new measures, no imports of blood, its derivatives or any drugs containing blood will be permitted into the country without the prior approval of the Ministry of Health.

The programme also restricted the use of blood, its derivatives or drugs containing blood only in cases of utmost necessity.

The new programme also enforces compulsory tests on all expatriates arriving to take up employment in the UAE. The programme also requires expatriates already in the coun-

try to appear for AIDS scanning each time they apply to renew their residence permits.

AIDS high-risk groups and other sections threatened by the disease will have to be tested at regular intervals, the timing of which will be determined by the Central Preventive Committee and will be executed by sub-committees in various areas.

Further, in line with the new measures AIDS patients who die will have to be buried only under the supervision of the Preventive Medical Department and that all necessary measures must be taken to protect persons carrying out the burial. The body of a dead AIDS patient can not be taken outside the country without a court order. Further, the deceased should be carried in the presence of a representative from the Preventive Medical Department.

The programme also formed a permanent Central Preventive Committee for combating AIDS. The duties of the committee will be to supervise, follow up, evaluate and carry out the national programme and the anti-AIDS strategy. It will also work out methods for testing people. The committee will have

the right to suggest amendments on the programme and the strategy. It will directly supervise the conducting of the AIDS tests and the laboratories carrying them.

UAE health minister issued a decision forming the committee. It will be chaired by the Health Ministry Undersecretary, Dr Saud Al Qasbi. The committee will have to issue a guide for the preventive measures that should be followed inside laboratories, clinics, hospitals and the disease control centres, in order to protect their employees from the disease.

UAE health minister said that the UAE has started the anti-AIDS national programme in 1985. The new measures are designed to give the programme an official status in order to protect society from the AIDS threat. He added that since the launching of the programme, the Health Ministry carried out AIDS tests on over a million persons who came to work, or donated blood and those who have been admitted to hospitals. He added that the ministry is planning to cover most of the UAE population in its programme during the coming two years.

Loss of hair

Reasons varied, says dermatologist

THE head of the Phototherapy Division at the Sabah Hospital and member of the US Academy of Dermatology Dr Abdul Wahab Al Fouzan has said that the loss of hair can be attributed to a number of reasons.

He told a local newspaper that the temporary factors responsible for the loss of hair included erroneous hair combing patterns, rough straightening techniques for curly hair, use of chemical dyes, normal loss of hair during pregnancy and lactation.

He added that the loss of 60 to 100 hairs daily was considered normal since the average number of hair on the adult's head is 100,000, but baldness among Kuwaitis is precipitated by the traditional headwear which prevents the hair's exposure to air and sun and assist the formation of dandruff.

Habits

Fouzan said that for this reason, those who habitually

wear ghutra and hijab must from time to time expose their hair to air and sunrays, and people must refrain from using harsh hair-styling techniques, or hair-dressing chemicals.

He pointed out that the use by many people of olive oil, coconut oil, yoghurt or honey on the hair, do not stimulate the scalp to replace lost hair but may give it certain features, such as brightness, softness, manageability.

He said that certain pharmaceutical concoctions may help stimulate regrowth of hair lost to minor factors due to their topical effect on the affected area through nourishing diseased hair-bulbs, expanding narrowing blood vessels and other similar techniques.

He also said that most hair-products are being marketed under tempting commercial titles and depended heavily on the strength of advertising techniques which would help raise patients' hope who rush to use

these products without prior medical counsel.

Fouzan pointed out that the growth of white hair was attributable to hereditary factors, ageing, psychological and physical stress.

Side-effects He stressed that the regrowth of lost hair varied from one patient to another and in certain cases required lengthy periods of time. Therefore patients are advised to be patient and consult their physician before deciding to use one hair product or another to ensure that it has no unfavourable side-effects.

Attempted planting of hairs through surgeries on balding areas, which involved the implanting of hair piles taken from the back of the patient's head on to the balding spot proved inefficient as inflammations followed the surgery and not all patients are suitable candidates for such operations the official said.

Free education for all

TUNIS, July 10, (KUNA): Arab education undersecretaries today called for making education free of charge and a right for all and provide education opportunities for Arab students living abroad.

Concluding their three-day meeting here, they urged Arab states to furnish the Arab League Education, Culture and Science Organisation (ALESCO) with correct data and send them at the time specified.

They also recommended conducting case studies to ratify experiences of basic education in the Arab countries which apply them.

The meeting urged Arab states

to adopt the project of generalising and upgrading elementary education and the eradication of illiteracy by the year 2000, jointly sponsored by UNESCO and ALESCO.

It also recommended that ALESCO prepares a questionnaire on the popularity of the 'Palestinian question in Arab curricula, as this cause is of national importance to all Arabs.

The meeting opened here last Saturday with an address by Kuwaiti Education Undersecretary Abdul Rahman Al Khodari, who is chairman of the previous session.

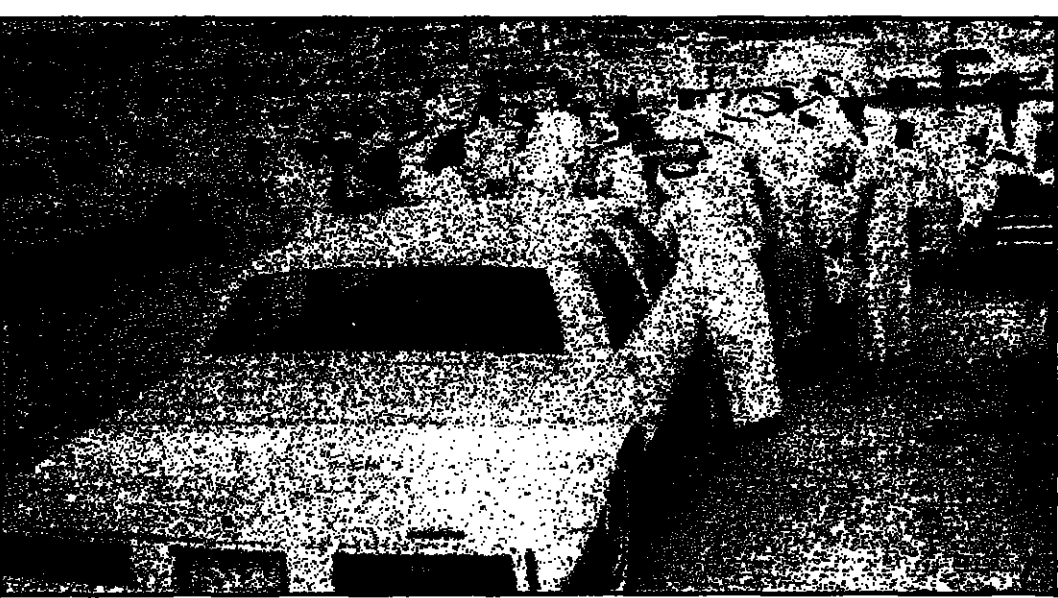
Fraud rampant at Souk Haraj, say customers

CUSTOMERS at the Kuwait used cars market, popularly known as Haraj, criticised the system being applied to run the market, particularly the services rendered by brokers and claimed that some brokers were responsible for cheating customers.

The customers added that according to the present system, some brokers force the owners of cars to sell as quickly as possible in order to get their commission without caring for the price the car deserves. According to the present system, brokers who act on behalf of the owners to sell the cars, take a certain percentage of car's sale price. Customers demanded that the commission should be fixed for all cars, irrespective of the price. Customers also called upon the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, which is running the market, to organise the sale operation by classifying the cars according to models

and year of manufacture. Brokers defended themselves by saying that they have got nothing to do with selling or fixing the price. They only act as middlemen in the presence of both the seller and buyer.

They added that no car can be sold without a full agreement between the two, who must be present at the time of the sale. They refused calls to fix their commissions and denied the allegations of cheating. One of the brokers said that he is not a mechanic to evaluate the condition of the car. He is only a middleman, who propagates the sale of the car. The brokers also complained that the company running the market under the supervision of the Ministry of Commerce does not provide any facility. There is no cold drinking water. They charge KDI on each car that enters the market which is high.



Brokers in action selling a car, while customers gather to see the price.

Agricultural sector developing

Kuwaiti produce farmers face foreign competition

KUWAIT'S agricultural sector has witnessed great developments during the past few years. An increase in the agricultural area and production has assisted Kuwait in becoming an agricultural exporter. A local daily visited the agricultural market to highlight activities of merchants, and consumers and in order to present readers with efforts which are being exerted in supporting this vital sector.

Abdul Aziz Al Hasawi, a merchant said that Kuwaiti farmers are mistreated. Freezers coming from outside the country store products and then sell when demand is at its peak. This shows unfairness to consumers and local farmers. As an example he cited the case of tomatoes reaching KDI5 and dropping to 40 cents sometimes.

Hasawi added that auctioneers fully control prices at the market and that the price of local production should be the special concern of the agricultural company. Therefore, he proposed the establishment of a farmers share holding company which gives farmers the freedom to indicate minimum prices for products. He stated that the company will ensure the future of Kuwaiti farms. Hasawi emphasised on the issue of customer protection. He said that customers protection should be applied during agricultural seasons. He suggested the formation of a committee which will undertake an in-depth and comprehensive study of agriculture, marketing

strategy, transportation, storage, and pricing structure, with a view to limit imports.

Regarding the project on bringing Shatt Al Arab waters, he pointed out that it is a good idea and will boost the agricultural movement in Kuwait. He added that the project will cut down farming expenses and will assist in irrigation which will in turn improve agricultural yields. He said that he is optimistic towards the new council. He suggested directing more concern towards the livestock sector in the country like what is being done at the General Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fisheries. Hasawi showed high concern towards the Kuwaitisation of the employment sector. He supported the idea of merging both markets.

One other farmer said that the concerned company directly obtains quotations from auctioneers, the reason that most local farmers are being exploited sometimes. He added the company pays higher prices on first degree produce than second degree produce.

Another farmer said that most companies buy big amounts of specific produce at times when these produce are being sold at the cheapest prices. Companies then store or freeze produce and sell them at times of short supply.

Ayed Aref who is a controller at one of the agricultural companies said that the

company provides consumers with porters at the vegetables and fruits market at symbolic prices. The company also supervises and censors outside in-coming freezers which come to Kuwait from countries like Jordan and Turkey.

Public interest

On the other hand, Youssef Al Thwaini, one of the consumers said that local products of vegetables are fresher than the imported types. He urged citizens to give a helping hand to the Kuwaiti farmer to achieve public interest.

Regarding the idea of merging both the local production and outside production markets, he said that it is a good idea, but officials should first comprehend consequences which may result from cheating and exploitation.

Moawiyah Mohammed pointed out that the local produce is good, but said that the amounts brought to the market are not enough to cover consumers demands every season. He added that merging the two markets will have direct and positive effects on merchants and consumers.

Shail Al Khateeb expressed his reservations towards merging both markets due to the fact that such a step may cause big confusion. He said that flexibility should exist between salesmen and consumers to assist boosting the local market. He praised the quality of local produce.

Ameen Fakki a salesman at the local market said that the local produce is better than the imported produce and can compete with it if facilities were provided to Kuwaiti farmers. He expressed optimism towards merging the two markets which he said will improve local produce and local farmers abilities.

Merger

Jasem Mohsen, a consumer said that locally grown produce are cheaper in price than imported produce. He reacted positively towards the merging idea.

Anati Jaber, a salesman for imported produce said that Kuwaiti produce is excellent and that plans designed by officials to improve the agricultural sector in Kuwait will bring Kuwait to self sufficiency. He said that merger between both markets will provide opportunities to farmers to compete with imported produce. Therefore, he said that merger will be in the interest of both markets.

Ridha Sayed, a salesman for imported produce said that the locally grown produce is good, but the quantities brought to the market are not enough. He supported the merger idea.

Abdi Ahmad who owns an auctioneers' office said that most auctioneers are paid only 5 per cent from profits, he then has to pay 2 per cent of his gains to the Farmers Union.

Customers hoodwink jewellers

THE local gold market attracts different nationalities who come to buy gold for weddings or daily wear. Unfortunately, it has been reported that some buyers take the opportunity of gold salesmen being engaged with other buyers and replace genuine gold with imitation gold.

A local daily interviewed a number of jewellery shop owners to highlight their reactions to this matter.

Majed Al Abdul Razzaq said that he has received a warning from the Ministry of Interior concerning the "modus operandi" of some customers. He pointed out that he had never encountered any such experience, but that he heard about them. He said that some women come to the shop with some imitation jewellery and ask them to find them genuine gold items identical to the ones they have in hand. While the salesmen are engaged with other customers, they replace the genuine article with the imitation one. He pointed out that most of these incidents only take place on a small scale.

He said that he was surprised that people would "stoop to such low levels" for a mere KD40 or 50.

Razzaq added that he does not accept cheque payments from any of his customers.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Premier's audiences

KUWAIT, July 10, (KUNA): HH Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah received in his diwan at Bayan Palace this morning Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmad, Health Undersecretary Dr. Nael Al Naqeb and Kuwait's Consul General in Bombay Faisal Al Issa.

HH also received a number of citizens in the public diwan.

Fertility study released

KUWAIT, July 10, (KUNA): An analytical study on recent changes in fertility in Kuwait has just been released by the Central Statistical Department, Assistant Planning Undersecretary Badr MUSAAD Al Amin announced yesterday.

The study, based on Kuwait census figures for the year 1985, deals with fertility rates and analyses the drop in number of newborn during the period 1975-85 as well as the determining factors.

He said that the study reviews the relationship between some social and economic factors, such as education level of mothers and their contribution to the labour force, and fertility.

Al Amin underlined importance of the study for planning purposes, particularly in efforts to maintain the population growth rate.

KU admission results

KUWAIT, July 10, (KUNA): Admission results of students to enrol for the first semester 1989-90 at Kuwait University will be announced after the Qur'an Baitram Holiday, an official university source said yesterday.

The Muslim holiday is to end on Monday, July 17.

The source explained that the admission and enrolment deanship is scrutinizing applications to ensure conformity with the admission rules earlier announced by the administration.

Cadets graduate

CAIRO, July 10, (KUNA): Some 111 Kuwaiti cadet officers yesterday graduated from the Egyptian Military Academy's Technical Institute along with 506 other officers.

Egyptian Defence and Military Production Minister Youssef Sabri Abdu Talib and Kuwait's Ambassador to Egypt Abdul Razak Al Kandari were among top officials attending the graduation ceremony of the 18th batch of cadet officers.

The 18th batch also included officers from Qatar, UAE and Chad.

Kandari, in a statement following the event, noted that for the first time such a big number of Kuwaiti officers graduated outside Kuwait.

The Kuwaiti diplomat praised military co-operation between Kuwait and Egypt.

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Thought for today

IT IS better to be beautiful than to be good, but it is better to be good than ugly — Oscar Wilde, Irish-born writer (1856-1900).

Iraq, Iran: still at odds

Coping with the legacy of war

NEARLY a year after a ceasefire ended their eight-year war, Iran and Iraq are coping in different ways with the legacy of the conflict.

The Iraqis are quickly ridding themselves of any reminders of the war, rebuilding shattered cities, promising political reforms and reviving their regional ambitions.

The Iranians are more inward-looking amid the political uncertainty spawned by Ayatollah Khomeini's abrupt acceptance of the ceasefire and his death less than a year later.

At the same time, Tehran still extols the virtues of martyrdom and the horrendous sacrifices of one of the longest conventional wars this century. Its leaders warn their countrymen almost daily: "Stay vigilant. Iraq cannot be trusted. We cannot afford to relax."

Each side has demobilized thousands of men and started rebuilding blitzed cities and towns along their 730-mile (1,180-kilometre) former battlefield.

Both sides are rearming, and still have hundreds of thousands of men under arms as they eye each other warily across the ceasefire line monitored by United Nations observers. Only occasional violations have occurred since the truce began last Aug 20.

They both also continue to claim they won the eight-year war that Western military officials estimate killed 1 million people. In fact, the war more or less ended where it began.

Every Wednesday, "The martyr's programme on the Iranian state television network takes viewers to the home of a soldier killed in the war to assert the virtue of dying for the Islamic Revolution. Parents proudly tell of their sons' "honourable death."

The brother of 18-year-old Hamid Behzad, killed several years ago, recounted the young man's brief life in one recent programme.

In the parlour of the family's Tehran home, the camera panned over a black-and-white portrait of Behzad on the mantelpiece. Beside it was a photo of Khomeini, in whose name Behzad and thousands died. The authorities give a copy of Khomeini's photo to every martyr's family.

A narrator sombrely read poem written by Hamid before he left for the front:

"If God grants me martyrdom,
"Know that I have gone from this world content.
"Know that I have gone to someone to whom all shall go.
"Mother: grieve not for this transaction.
"What transaction better, than man going to see his God?
Every night, TV still shows actual war footage with a soundtrack of patriotic songs.

But in Iraq, the official television network has switched from gloomy war-oriented programmes to US situation comedies, Arabic soap operas and family movies like "Beauty and the Beast."

The Culture Ministry has ordered its theatre groups to stage comedies instead of dramas as authorities seek to expunge as many reminders of the war as they can.

But in Iranian cities, schoolboys parade in the streets in military-style fatigues, mimicking their teen-age brothers and sisters for whom camouflage garb has become revolutionary.

Quote me

"They are foolishly poised in the wake of the Vietnamese military withdrawal, to make one last attempt to topple the state power of the people." — Pracheachon editorial quoted Communist Party officials on Cambodian rebels planning offensive.

"We were showing more disrespect for ourselves than for the astronauts or the country that sent them." — Yaroslav Golovanov dean of Soviet Space Journalists quoted on his nation blacking out the Apollo Moon landing in 1969 on television by showing a musical programme instead.

"My name is Christ Peterson and I did not kill Olof Palme. That is for the moment the only thing in this case." — Christ Peterson said at the end of his final statement.

"We have to conduct major surgery without anaesthesia." — President Carlos Menem warning Argentines the morning after he was sworn in.

"When the Prime Minister is not fulfilling his agreements with us, when we don't agree on a common way in the most important issue of promoting peace moves, there is no place for continuing cabinet partnership." — Israeli Finance Minister Shimon Peres charged in his letter to Shamir.

"We need to promote the spirit of building an enterprise through arduous effort." — Guangming daily, a Chinese newspaper told its leaders.

"What is fundamental in all this, is that we are going to help, to protect, to put under the shade, under an umbrella, as you would call it, the issue of sovereignty." — Argentine President Carlos Menem said after he was sworn in.

"We will not be a fig leaf for Likud, we will not be a fig leaf for a tragedy." — Shimon Peres, Israeli Labour party leader and vice-premier said after voting in elections.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1533 — Pope Clement VII excommunicates England's King Henry VIII.
- 1572 — Sir Humphrey Gilbert lands in Netherlands with band of English volunteers to fight Spanish.
- 1614 — Swedish army under La Gardie defeats Russian forces at Brunitsky.
- 1794 — Conspiracy by moderates of the mountain and Dantonists against M. Robespierre succeeds in abolishing Commune of Paris in France.
- 1810 — Napoleonic Empire annexes Holland.
- 1899 — Transvaal government decides immigrants to Transvaal will be enfranchised after residence of seven years.
- 1956 — Finno-Karelian Republic is abolished through incorporation into Soviet Union as Karelian autonomous republic.
- 1960 — Premier Moïse Tshombe of Katanga proclaims independence of that province.
- 1963 — Army in Ecuador ousts President Carlos Julio Arosemena, charging he is a Communist sympathizer.
- 1967 — Communist-led mobs of Chinese in Hong Kong step up terrorist activities, and British authorities halt all public transport as safety measure.
- 1971 — Moroccan government says leaders of a coup against King Hassan have been slain or arrested.
- 1978 — Truck carrying industrial gas explodes and sets fire to campsite on Mediterranean coast in Spain, killing at least 180 people.
- 1987 — United Nations proclaims newborn boy Matej Gaspar in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, as world's five millionth inhabitant.
- 1988 — Prince Norodom Sihanouk announces his resignation as President of the Cambodian guerrilla coalition.



Sally Mugabe: not a lady who lives in the shadow of her husband

A typical First Lady

Sally Mugabe presents her case

INDOMITABLE is the first word that comes to mind to describe Sally Mugabe. Don't expect the typical wife of a national leader content to live in the shadow of power and to show off designer clothes.

"I describe myself as a Zimbabwe married to the president of Zimbabwe, and as a woman who has some privileges; therefore I am anxious to see that I share these privileges with other women," this petite, elegant woman explains.

Sally, as her friends call her, has known for a long time the responsibilities involved in being Robert Mugabe's partner, for better or for worse. She was at his side when he fought to win the ex-Rhodesia's independence from the United Kingdom, making speeches and helping to raise money for the cause, when he was jailed she went into exile and continued publishing the country's struggle that ended in 1980 with the drafting of a constitution and the creation of Zimbabwe, a land-locked nation in southern Africa about the size of the state of California, U.S., and with a rapidly increasing population of about 8 million.

Today Sally is a moving force in her country's push for development. She is an official of the ruling ZANU party (Zimbabwe African National Union) and she campaigns internationally to help southern Africa's children caught up in bloody drawn-out wars and civil strife in Mozambique, Angola, Namibia and South Africa.

At home, she sees education as Zimbabwe's best chance to reach its development goals. Her best asset? "I am determined! I am completely determined to see that what I wish for comes true. And what I wish for is... that women who did not have the opportunity (to be educated) may also have it so that they can face the developing world, because the world is moving so fast, there are changes everywhere!"

"For example," she says, "in our country we have new laws which were brought about to help women... (like) laws on inheritance: but most of the women did not understand because the majority of them are peasant women, they never went to school. You see, when a law is passed it's not simply reading it line by line that makes you understand it; it's the meaning behind the law (that matters). That one, the peasant woman will not understand unless it is put in her own language, but at home we don't have many facilities to do that, so I feel that if every woman is given the opportunity to be highly educated, they will read the law for themselves, decipher it."

Campaign

She likes to point out that the adult literacy campaign launched two years ago by the president is a success among women especially: 62 per cent of those who enlisted for primary schooling stayed with the programme. "I think some women are very keen to continue, even to a university level," Sally adds. Statistics show that from independence until 1984 the number of primary schools almost doubled, while the number of secondary schools jumped from 177 to about 1200. About 5900 students attended Harare University in 1986.

What brought Sally to New York though was a different concern. Just as her husband's influence is spreading abroad — he is one of the leaders of the Non-Aligned Movement and recently received the 1988 Africa Prize for Leadership at the United Nations — she is spearheading an international effort to save the children of southern Africa. At UNICEF House in New York she presided at a meeting of the Children's Fund for Southern Africa and presented the result of a symposium held in Harare in the spring of 1988. One of the goals endorsed at the symposium was the UN ratification of an international agreement on children's rights.

Having lost an infant son in 1966, partly because of deprivation during the struggle for independence, she is calling the world's attention to the plight of children whom the last UNICEF report called the prime victims of war.

"Apartheid policies of destabilisation are taking the lives of millions of children in southern Africa," she notes. "Very soon we are going to be confronted with a problem of children becoming an endangered species. The world must know what is happening to children of these countries (Mozambique, Angola, Namibia, South Africa). First of all these children are so full of fear! Every day that comes they are afraid. They have been involved in a war which they don't understand."

Some Mozambican youth, including children under 10 years old, were brought to the Harare symposium to talk about their plight, Sally recalled. They said "they have been given guns to fight, they have been given knives to chop off the ears of their mothers and to cook that and eat it... this is happening in Mozambique now! There you find lots of children without ears, mothers with their breasts cut off, and the ears... Horrible!... In any situation like this children suffer most; they are unable to run away fast, they cannot protect themselves, that's why we, as grown-ups must form a shield around them to protect them, to see that in the midst of this war or that disturbance in their country they can have good health, education, shelter and food." Every black child in South Africa carries some sort of weapon — gun, stick or stone — for protection, she adds.

Dies

It is estimated that every four minutes a small Angolan or Mozambican child dies because of the war. The toll in 1986 for these two countries reached 140,000.

In a troubled region Zimbabwe stands out for its hard-won stability based on reconciliation between races and between parties. A year ago, then Prime Minister Mugabe was named president as part of a march from parliamentary democracy toward a socialist one-party state, but given Zimbabwe's track record, pragmatism and middle-of-road economic policies will take precedence over ideology. Some political observers hope that Zimbabwe might be a model of stability and peaceful coexistence of races under a black government.

The time bomb of apartheid may not have to explode in a blood bath, they say, and Sally agrees. Guns and weapons, "we had them too," she says. "There was a time when all housewives had guns... Where are they now? We put them all down because of the word 'reconciliation'. We are trying to work towards it, and it is working."

"If you come (to Harare, the capital) you can find the different races drinking together, swimming together, playing tennis or football, or dancing... Before independence (in 1980) Ian Smith and his people made sure that the people were kept apart. It was a pin-prick apartheid that we had; it did not touch you in a big way, but at the same time you felt it, so it was discrimination. Since independence we have tried to readjust the situation to the extent that any white man who owns a farm now feels comfortable on his land; no one is going to say 'Hey! This land belongs to the black, move!' No. The law would go after any black man who did that. The law is there and we have been told to follow it. The policy of reconciliation is a religion for us."

It means that the new generation is free to hope and work for a better future, Sally says. The young Zimbabwe people "are very ambitious about education, that's internationally known: they also want to get good jobs, good houses — a house with a swimming pool — and at the end of the day they want to have good wives and good husbands, and then have a few children." In urban areas young people are left alone to choose a spouse instead of abiding by their parents' wishes, Sally adds, and then laughs. "Marriage is very difficult! If you choose for somebody else you can land yourself in a very, very hot boiling soup!"

No such problem with the Mugabes. "He is very nice, he has not done anything bad so far," Sally quips. They did choose each other, but he had to go far away to find her, to West Africa's Ghana, a country then considered more developed than Zimbabwe. Learning to get along was not difficult, she says, because "he is adjustable, and so am I." But adjusting to her new country was another matter: "He had warned me in Ghana 'don't expect a bed of roses.' She smiles, recalling her trips to the river back in his family's village to fetch water and wash clothes. And there was no electricity. Luckily her mother-in-law took pity on the stranger. "She saw to it that things were done for me; she did not want it to be hard... I could not speak her language and she could not speak English so we communicated by signs."

At the presidential home in Harare, life is a lot more comfortable, but Sally still spends time in the kitchen, partly as a hobby, she admits. As a matter of fact it's her first job when she gets up at 6:30 am "to see that everything in the kitchen is correct. Because you know, this president of ours does not want his food cooked by the men, so I must make sure that (preparations for) the breakfast, the lunch and supper are OK... I must also at the end of each meal see that he has eaten enough... if he does not eat well, how can he do his work?"

"It's not that he cannot cook himself, he is a very good cook too, but I have told him that this is my territory... although sometimes he still comes!"

When she drives to her office at party headquarters after breakfast, it's to find a host of men, women and children waiting for her, she says. "Some have come to tell me about the cruelty of their husbands, a woman wants to go to school and her husband does not want her to go, or she does not have any money... (there are) children who want school fees, women who don't have a piece of land to till, people who want to go to a ministry and nobody (there) was talking to them." Sometimes a phone call to the right office will solve the problem, but some "make great demands," she says, like requesting the price of airfare to the US!

Typically, after going home for lunch and a rest, she spends about two more hours at the office and then drives — often out of town — to visit "projects" she supports. One of them is a co-operative organisation by former prostitutes — "ex-street women," says Sally, who want to earn a decent living. They raise chickens and rabbits, sew and run a daycare centre for young children.

"I have been supporting them for the past four years," Sally explains, "but I told them (recently) that now they must support themselves. Just before I left for New York they came to my office to tell me that they were able to pay themselves \$50 a month. It represents one third of the average monthly pay, but 'it's their co-op, and it's a big achievement,' Sally adds.

Asked about her worst experience in pre-independence days, she says without hesitating: "It's 'not knowing what was happening.' When her husband was in prison in the late sixties and seventies, she says, "every year I thought he was coming; at the end of the year I would say 'I am going to see him,' but nothing happened." The only information came from the newspapers which would announce that the state of emergency had been renewed and that the prisoners were back behind bars.

Somehow, the past seems faraway though, almost forgotten. "How can it make me bitter when we have a whole country in our hands," Sally says. "Everything in the country now belongs to all of us and we can all share happily; gradually we are trying to share the resources of the country, to share knowledge, health... this is much much bigger than the bitterness that I would have against (former Rhodesia's leader) Ian Smith. I don't want to carry Ian Smith's sins with me, let him carry his own sins." (WNL New York)

ASEAN ponders future of Cambodia

MAJOR barriers remain but for the first time Southeast Asian countries and major allies are seriously thinking about a new, post-war Cambodia.

A week of talks among a dozen foreign ministers has underlined that whatever the differences between Cambodia's warring factions, virtually all the major outside players are determined to get peace. High hopes are pinned on talks among the Cambodian factions on July 24 and an international conference starting July 30, both in Paris.

"If things go well, there is no reason it should not succeed," Prince Norodon Sihanouk, the Cambodian rebel leader, told reporters after arriving in Paris on Sunday. "It will succeed."

Sihanouk said he had "adopted maximalist demands" before the conference, but could "make some feasible concessions" in the course of discussions.

He said however that, "China will not accept a bipartite Hun Sen-Sihanouk government, and neither will I."

In the Brunei meeting, Singapore's Foreign Minister Wong Kan Seng said the Cambodian problem — the region's security preoccupation for almost 11 years — was winding down and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, or ASEAN, must consider its role in the new order.

"We have already begun to look beyond Cambodia" to economic issues, he said.

Thailand's Foreign Minister Siddhi Savetsila proposed an ASEAN summit next year to examine Cambodia's new directions.

The ASEAN talks that ended Saturday included Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines and their "dialogue partners" of Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, the United States and the 12-nation European Economic Community.

"The important thing is that there has been a strong show of consensus of ASEAN and its dialogue partners on the need for a comprehensive settlement" in Cambodia, said a senior US State Department official who declined to be identified.

This means that the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops must be internationally supervised, the Cambodian factions must share power in a provisional government leading to elections, and an international body must be sent to guarantee the peace. Vietnam has promised to pull out its 60,000 to 70,000 troops by Sept 30.

Although the meeting was full of good intentions, ASEAN officials said they fear Cambodia could become another Afghanistan.

The Soviet Army withdrew from Afghanistan in February, but Afghanistan's Soviet-aided government is still fighting the US-armed mujahideen.

Vying for power in Cambodia are the Hun Sen-installed government of Prime Minister Hun Sen and a guerrilla coalition led by Sihanouk that includes his followers, the Khmer People's National Liberation Front and the Communist Khmer Rouge.

The danger of prolonged civil war after September is very real. Hun Sen refuses to allow the Khmer Rouge in a provisional government and the group, with up to 40,000 fighters, reportedly has stocked arms for a final assault after Vietnamese troops leave. The Khmer Rouge killed hundreds of thousands of people when it ruled Cambodia from 1975 until Vietnam's late 1978 invasion ousted it from power.

On Wednesday, Sihanouk again refused Hun Sen's calls to make a separate peace without the Khmer Rouge.

Hun Sen's side "is very uncompromising, so there is no reason for us to be compromising," the prince said at his home in Beijing.

Still, there is cautious optimism because of the apparently irreversible tide of diplomatic initiatives the past two years, many by Vietnamese reformers intent on rebuilding their country's economy and ending its costly international isolation.

Hun Sen and Sihanouk go to Paris having already directly negotiated and both having made concessions when they last met in May. Indonesia's Foreign Minister Ali Alatas, who will co-chair the international conference, said it is expected to be attended by the Cambodian factions, Vietnam, ASEAN and the permanent members of the UN Security Council — China, the Soviet Union, Great Britain, the United States and France.

Beijing arms the guerrillas and Moscow arms Vietnam.

China has grown noticeably more conciliatory on the issue in recent years, especially in toning down its once unwavering backing for the Khmer Rouge. However, the world community worried that China's Cambodia policy may harden after Chinese authorities brutally crushed the pro-democracy movement early last month.

But French Deputy Foreign Minister Edwige Avice announced in Brunei that Beijing just delivered a "very positive" letter saying its foreign minister will go to Paris. That and the talks in Brunei mean that the conference will open "in very positive circumstances," she said.

US Secretary of State James Baker said here that Moscow has told Washington it supports a major UN role in a supervisory body for Cambodia — even though Vietnam opposes that.

And French President Francois Mitterrand reportedly has asked Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev to pressure Vietnam to ensure success in Paris. Vietnam also knows that compromise is the only way to achieving its top priorities of improving relations with ASEAN, China and the United States.

The ASEAN is considering its future while it prepares for the end of the Cambodian war and the possible start of a larger economic grouping in the Pacific.

Founded in 1967, ASEAN was intended to promote economic and cultural co-operation. But the Vietnamese invasion of Cambodia in late 1978 served as catalyst, forming a tightly knit group. ASEAN backed the guerrilla resistance and spearheaded the diplomatic campaign against Vietnam, winning international support and prestige in doing so.

"Even as we prepare ourselves to play out the end-game on Cambodia, a question that we must also begin to address more closely is what will happen to ASEAN after the Cambodian problem is resolved," said Singapore's Foreign Minister Wong Kan Seng. "We will have to find new rallying points," he said, adding that the task ahead "is to ensure that ASEAN continues to be relevant to each of us."

It remains unclear what part the ASEAN members may decide to take in the Asia Pacific Forum. (Brunei — AP)

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Europe's refining industry

Anti-pollution rules pose problems

LONDON, July 10. (Reuters): Stricter anti-pollution rules on petrol and other oil products worry Europe's refining industry in the run-up to the 1992 European Economic Community single market.

Many old refineries do not have the upgrading plant needed to process poorer-quality, sulphurous crude oil into product that will meet new EEC standards.

One result may be more demand and higher prices on the top quality "light" oils of North and West Africa and the North Sea to the disadvantage of Middle East "sour" producers.

"We are running a race between how quickly oil companies can increase their capacity and how much consumers use," said John Weatherburn, a senior consultant at Wharton Economics Forecasting Associates (WEFA).

"At the moment, the consumers are ahead."

He also thinks that, whatever happens, motorists will pay. "We will probably go through a period of relatively high petrol prices moving into an environmentally-conscious world," he said.

Refiners have several options on how to meet the new rules.

They can buy in petroleum products, use additives, run better grades of crude through their refineries or invest in new plant that gets more out of the crude they run already.

But some analysts believe that European refineries will be forced to run more lighter, sweeter crudes.

"Longer term, the differentials between ... values of light and heavy crudes are going to widen," said Trevor Morgan of Data Resources Inc, an oil forecasting firm.

Refineries were not investing fast

enough in new upgrading plant to meet the extra demand for light products, he said.

The International Energy Agency (IEA) monthly oil report for June noted that price gaps between light, medium and heavy oils widened in the first four months of this year.

Traders said sharply higher spot petrol prices dragged up light crude prices.

Environmental changes in recent years have already favoured the "sweet" crudes. Several European countries have lowered the level of sulphur allowed in heating and fuel oil.

Posing another challenge for refiners, tax incentives in some European countries to boost the use of lead-free petrol have increased demand for these grades.

Some analysts see this as the most difficult problem.

"We don't see sulphur as a major

problem for typical refiners," says Bob High of High and Watts Associates. But he added: "It's getting progressively more difficult to meet the octane value in petrol."

"The rate of penetration of unleaded gasoline is taking refiners by surprise," said Morgan at Data Resources.

Use of high octane unleaded petrol — the so-called "golden gasoline" — is also rising sharply.

WEFA believe demand for it rose in West Germany by about six per cent in the first four months of 1989.

Among other environmental measures, use of catalytic converters in car exhaust systems will boost petrol demand because it lowers fuel efficiency.

WEFA's Weatherburn estimated that "the new EEC legislation is going to raise gasoline consumption by 10 per cent over the next eight years."

Chase lowers prime rate

NEW YORK, July 10. (AP): Chase Manhattan Bank of New York lowered its prime lending rate by a half percentage point to 10.5 per cent today, the second such reduction in as many months.

Other major American commercial banks were expected to follow suit in cutting the rate, which is a benchmark used to set interest on a variety of US consumer and business credit.

The decrease had been widely expected and comes amid building perception in the financial markets that the Federal Reserve — the US central bank — is seeking looser credit policies in response to a slowdown in economic growth.

Short-term interest rates in the US bond market have been falling steadily as a result.

Because the prime rate reflects a bank's costs of borrowing money, including interest it pays on savings accounts or certificates of deposit, it trails increases in other interest rates in the credit markets.

Still, the rate is watched closely because bankers use it as a basis for calculating loans to businesses and for determining many types of fixed and adjustable-rate consumer loans.

The prime stood at 10.5 per cent at the start of 1989. The banks raised it twice in February to 11.5 per cent, then lowered a half percentage point on June 5. Those movements reflected changing concerns about US economic growth and inflation.

The latest decrease puts the key lending rate at its lowest level since Feb 10, when it was raised from 10.5 per cent to 11 per cent.

BA to increase flight service

NEW YORK, July 10. (UPI): British Airways said today it will increase its flight service from five major US cities in an effort to expand its trans-Atlantic operations by 16 per cent in 1990.

Among the cities targeted for expanded service are Chicago, Detroit, Boston and Seattle. The airline said it also will increase service to the Canadian cities of Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver, British Columbia.

The airline will also introduce a new route between London and Newark, N.J.

The new daily service from Newark International Airport to Heathrow Airport outside of London is scheduled to be introduced next summer and will be operated with Boeing 747 or Tristar aircraft.

British Airways will boost the number of Boeing 747 flights from Chicago to 14 flights a week, or 2 flights daily. The airline will also introduce a second daily flight from Boston during the peak period with Tristar aircraft.

Interest Rates

KUWAIT, July 10. (KUNA): Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	8-13/16	9-5/16
3 months	8-13/16	9-5/16
6 months	8-11/16	9-3/16
1 year	8-3/4	9-1/4

Economic miracle planned

Aquino seeks help

BONN, July 10. (Reuters): Philippine President Corason Aquino appealed today for the type of aid that helped West Germany to achieve its post-war "economic miracle."

She told West German businessmen that in the three years since ex-president Ferdinand Marcos was deposed, the Philippines had created a strong economy without fuelling runaway inflation.

"What we need to complete the equation are two elements essential to the German recovery

— debt relief and investments.

"We think that, given greater control of our internal resources through debt relief, and with greater access to capital, we can achieve some measure of the progress you achieved under the same conditions."

Under the Marshall plan, West Germany received massive US aid that helped it to rebuild its shattered economy after World War Two and become one of the world's economic giants.

Aquino, who started a week-long trip to West Germany,

France and Belgium on Sunday, said net debt repayments on the Philippines \$28-billion debt would total \$12 billion over the next five years.

Western donors led by the United States and Japan last week promised the Philippines about \$3.5 billion in aid over the next 12 months and held out the prospect of a further 14 billion over the next four years.

Asked if she would seek a second presidential term in elections due in 1992, Aquino replied: "I have always said I am

only good for one term. I consider myself a transitional president from dictatorship to democracy."

Aquino has survived five coup attempts since being swept to office in a 1986 "people power" revolt and the Philippines military is on full alert in her absence.

She said it was too early to say which presidential candidate she might support in 1992, adding with a smile: "It also depends on whether my endorsement is still worth anything at that time."

Dollar sharply lower

LONDON, July 10. (Reuters): The dollar ended sharply down in Europe today because of lower US interest rates and worries that the slowdown of the American economy could turn into a recession.

Concerns at the slowdown has deepened since US figures on Friday showed a fall in the number of new jobs created in June.

Chase Manhattan Corp of the United States started a round of interest rate cuts today by lowering the prime rate at which it lends to top corporate customers by half a percentage point to 10-1/2 per cent.

Relatively high US interest rates have been one of the key reasons behind the dollar's surge against rival currencies this year, but prospects of lower rates because of sagging economic growth have dragged it down in recent trade.

"The dollar's still struggling to build a more secure base and has been continuing to ease on the downward momentum of the past couple of weeks," said Nigel Green of Nikko Bank in London.

"But now it looks as if it could stabilise around present levels for the next couple of days," he said.

The market has remained strong against other major currencies. "Everyone is looking for a currency they can buy and at the moment that means the mark," one dealer in Frankfurt said.

The dollar ended in London at 1.8595 West German marks, its lowest since April 21 and around 2-1/2 pfennigs down from Friday's close.

Against the Japanese yen, it was little changed at 139.05 after 138.58 on Friday.

In stock markets, London shares gave up most of their early gains to close 6.1 points higher at 2,195.2 on the Financial Times-Stock Exchange index of 100 leading shares.

Wall Street was boosted by a belief that lower interest rates would make stocks a more attractive investment.

The Dow Jones industrial

UK shares mixed

LONDON, July 10. (Reuters): Shares were mixed to slightly firmer this afternoon as creeping caution ahead of key UK inflationary data later this week took some of the speculative energy out of the market.

Dealers said the market had been thrown into some confusion by news reports that Treasury Secretary Lord Young had proposed that the brewers should sell half of their pubs over a 2,000 limit.

Brewing shares slid quickly on this but rallied as it became clear the pubs would only have to be made "free houses."

By 1500 GMT the FTSE 100 was 2.4 up at 2191.5 after a high of 2197.5.

Analysts said the decision by Lord Young was a compromise that put no time pressure on the brewers. Still, the large brewing concerns would probably see no point in keeping the "free houses" unless they remained loyal to their brands.

Rupert Symington, brewing analyst at Nomura Research, said "it removes a lot of uncertainty over the sector and the brewers have plenty of time to sell the pubs and plenty of buyers."

Symington said Bass would be the major beneficiary from the restructuring since it had the strongest beer brands and could reasonably be expected to capture a large amount of the new "free house" business.

Among the major brewers, Bass gained 31p to 1046, Allied Lyons added 11p to 476, Guinness rose 1p to 517, Grand Met climbed 10p to 576, Scottish and Newcastle rose 8p to 356 and Whitbread up 9p to 358.

Elsewhere, United Biscuits remained strong, up 21p to 415, on persistent rumours of an imminent bid. Press comment over the weekend pointed to a possible bid from Swiss major Jacobs Suchard, but United Biscuits said today it has not had a bid approach.

Analysts noted UB topped the active list with 17.7 million shares traded. It was also heavily traded in the options market.

Other food manufacturers gained on the back of the rumours, with Cadbury Schweppes up 7p at 392p and Reckitt and Coleman up 9p at 1150p. AB Foods added 5p to 378, Northern Foods 7p to 339 and Unigate 5p to 399.

The market showed little reaction to a slightly lower than expected 0.3 per cent rise in UK June producer prices as it remains overshadowed by more important average earnings and retail price data due later this week.

average stood 9.10 points higher at 2,496.97 at midday in New York.

Earlier in Asian trading, Tokyo's 225-Share Nikkei Average eased in sluggish business to close 27.95 points lower at 22,676.02.

Other late dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Friday:

■ 1.8575 West German marks, down from 1.8840

■ 1.5960 Swiss francs, down from 1.6200

■ 6.3005 French francs, down from 6.3915

■ 2.0988 Dutch guilders, down from 2.1272

■ 1.354.50 Italian lire, down from 1,368.00

■ 1.18835 Canadian dollars, down from 1.1907

Gold fell in London to a late bid price of \$381.75 a troy ounce, compared with late Friday's 385.25.

In Zurich, gold was lower, closing at a bid \$383.45 compared with 384.60 late Friday.

Earlier, in Hong Kong, gold rose 29 cents to close at a bid \$383.27.

Silver bullion prices fell on the London market where the metal was trading at a late bid price of \$5.21 a troy ounce, compared with Friday's \$5.37.

Japan to give more aid to Nigeria

LAGOS, July 10. (OPECNA): Nigeria and Japan have signed a final agreement for additional aid of \$2.3 million for the guinea-worm eradication project and the provision of potable water in Anambra state.

An initial accord for \$5.1 million was signed last year between the two countries for the same purpose, bringing the total amount for the two projects to \$7.4 million.

Japanese ambassador to Nigeria Mitsuru Donawaki said at a ceremony here that his government was "keenly aware" that a large proportion of the rural population in Nigeria "still fell victim" to the guinea worm which "causes not only serious health problems, but also inflicts adverse effects on the economy of the nation."

He said it was with this in mind that Japan last year decided to help the Nigerian government and Anambra state in "their all-out effort to eradicate this disease by providing fresh potable water to the people of the state."

Donawaki said the additional grant was to ensure "the contribution and completion of the Japanese assistance activities agreed on last year". Borehole activities, with Japanese assistance, would start soon.

Currency rates

KUWAIT, July 10. (KUNA): Following are the international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait today.

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.29389	0.29504
Sterling	0.47889	0.48106
Dm.	0.15749	0.15819
S. fr.	0.18282	0.18365
F. fr.	0.04628	0.04624
It. lira	0.0002166	0.0002177
Jap. yen	0.0021112	0.0021210
Bh. dinar	0.77924	0.78280
UAE dh.	0.080013	0.080348
S. riyal	0.078349	0.078677

Business leaders back anti-inflation measures

BUENOS AIRES, July 10. (Reuters): Argentine business leaders welcomed the new Peronist government's anti-inflation programme which slapped massive increases on electricity, gas and petrol prices, cut the value of the austral currency by half and imposed strict price controls.

"We will collaborate in the battle against hyperinflation," said the president of the Argentine Chamber of Commerce, Carlos de la Vega.

"The announcement of the attack on the fiscal deficit, the (planned) privatisation of public companies, tax reform ... and elimination of subsidies were encouraging," he said.

Last night Economy Minister Miguel Roig announced a 54 per cent devaluation of the austral, rises of up to 640 per cent in gas charges and a price freeze on most items.

Further details released today showed an average 600 per cent increase in electricity and telephone charges. The price of premium

petrol rose to 270 australs (41.5 US cents) from 38.6 (six cents) per litre.

Before Roig's announcement President Carlos Menem, who took office on Saturday after leading the populist Peronist Party to a landslide victory in May 14 elections, said "major surgery without anaesthetic" was necessary to cure the economy.

Roig, a former executive of Argentina's largest private conglomerate, attacked ex-president Raul Alfonsin's radical administration for leaving public finances in chaos.

"Our state is broke," he said.

Details of maximum prices for essential foods and household items were still to be worked out with producers, although Roig ordered an immediate 50 per cent cut in the price of bread.

He foiled factories and retailers who had marked prices up by up to 400 per cent over the past week by setting July 3 as the reference date for the freeze.

Argentine living costs rose a record 114.5 per cent in June and were expected to treble this month as a result of the measures, Roig said in his televised announcement.

But he forecast inflation would fall to 15 per cent in August and 10 per cent in September.

To soften the impact of the price increases workers will receive an 8,000-austral bonus (\$15) while charges will be structured so big consumers bear the brunt of increases.

"Those who have less will suffer less from the measures so that they will have more in future," Menem told foreign correspondents just before Roig's announcement.

Leaders of the banking and powerful farm sectors also supported the plan. "It's a long time since new authorities have made such a precise diagnosis," Roque MacCarone, president of the Argentine Bank Association, said.

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Black smoke rises from a storage tank after a fire broke out at a petrochemical complex in Wakayama city, southwestern Japan yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

Petrochemical tank explodes

TOKYO, July 10. (AP): An explosion in a petrochemical storage tank today sent flames shooting high in the air, but there were no reports of injuries, the fire station in Wakayama, southwestern Japan, reported.

An official at the station said the fire still was burning eight hours after the explosion at 1:31 pm. (0431 GMT) in the 9.1-metre (30 foot)-high tank, which contained 520 kilolitres (137,380 gallons) of ethyl acetate, used for making adhesives and paint.

Six workers of Oiwa Oil Co. were in an office 50 metres (55 yards) away when the explosion

occurred, but none was injured, said the official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Kyodo News Service quoted one of the workers as saying, "I got out of the office as I thought it was an earthquake. I saw flames blowing up from the tank."

The official said there were no fears of the flames, shooting as high as seven metres (23 feet), spreading to 30 neighbouring tanks in the compound at the mouth of a river. He said 25 fire engines and a fireboat were fighting the fire.

Mauritian gets off to shaky start

Bid for offshore money

PORT LOUIS, July 10. (Reuters): Mauritius may not have been bold enough in a bid to convince free-wheeling financiers to do their banking in this Indian Ocean island, bankers and government sources here say.

Only three banks have so far taken up a seven-month-old offer of offshore banking facilities which the government hopes will turn Mauritius into a financial centre for the region.

Two of them, Barclays Bank and Groupe Rothschild, won offshore licences only last month, Finance Minister Vishnu Lutchmeenaaraidoo told Reuters.

He said he expected eight to 10 offshore banks to be operating by the end of the year — but bankers are not so sure.

"Some banks might see it as an overregulated environment," said one European banker here.

Offshore banking allows foreigners to deposit and lend money free from their home countries' tax

and banking laws. Bankers say prospective offshore countries must also be prepared to accept some financial buccanering.

Banking sources say even with last month's grant of offshore licences, the actual launching of services by the two banks remains a long way off with many basic details, from staffing to the type of services to be offered, still to be decided.

One foreign banker — himself eager to start offshore banking — said many of his colleagues were worried Mauritius would impose requirements on net free assets, capital and reserves too stringently.

One key requirement is secrecy. But Mauritius, worried that drug dealers could use its offshore banks to stash their money, has a so-called "know your client" rule requiring bankers to be able to vouch for their customers.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, July 10. (Reuters):

Shares closed higher with sharp gains by blue chips after the Dow's rise on Friday boosted the market. The All Ordinaries index ended 9.8 up at 1,537.3.

TOKYO: Signs that a long-awaited cut in US interest rates may soon emerge failed to rally the market beyond an upwards bounce at the open, leaving share prices to close mixed in light trade. The Nikkei index eased 27.95 to 33,676.02.

HONG KONG: Prices of blue chips rose sharply following a half a percentage point cut in local interest rates and Friday's rise in Wall Street.

SINGAPORE: Continued buying support from institutional and individual investors pushed up prices over a broad front after brisk trading at the close. The Straits Times industrial index set another post-crash closing high of 1,345.40, up 9.71.

BOMBAY: Share prices suffered a major setback on heavy profit-taking by state owned mutual funds. Tata steel fell 28.75 rupees to 1,442.5 while TELCO slumped 38.75 to 981.25.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 10/07/1989

B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
2	Elizabeth K	Algh Barwil	4842988
5	Ibn Shuhaid	UASC	4843150
6	Megh Pal	S. Shaheen	2432692
15	Lotus Dawn	Gh & Q	4347815
9	Arktis Grace	Al Bader	2433537

SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT

ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
10/7	Marjon	ISA	2441860
10/7	Hohsing Arrow	Algh Barwil	4842988
11/7	Ville D'Oman	Algh Sea Freight	4745533
11/7	Hual Carmencia	A.M. Bahar	2459891

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT

B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
2	Golden Bear	M.A. Bahar	2433881
9	Doric Armour	Algh Barwil	4842988

SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT

ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
12/7	Providence Bay	KMMC	2419814
11/7	Floga	Algh Sea Freight	4745533
12/7	Sparkle Moon	M.A. Bahar	2433881
15/7	Ibn Al Waleed	UASC	4843150
15/7	El Flamenco	Algh Sea Freight	4745533
16/7	Charalambos B.	Algh Barwil	4843988
17/7	Dona Sophia	Gh & Q	4347815
18/7	Oceanus	Algh Barwil	4842988
21/7	Qatari Ibn Al Fuja'a	UASC	4843150
22/7	Addiriyah	UASC	4843150
15/7	Golden Harvest	M.A. Bahar	2433881
10/8	Golden Wonder	M.A. Bahar	24338

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	INCHCAPE	267/0
ADT LTD	173/0	JAGUAR	355/4
ALD LYONS	476/0	KINGFISHER	314/0
AMSTRAD	72.0	LABROCKE	299/0
ARGYL GP	22.0	LAND SECS	577.0
ASDA GP	181/0	LAPORTE	436.0
A B FOODS	346.0	LASMO	492/0
BAA	394/0	LEGAL-GEN	317/0
BAT INDS	692.0	LLOYDS BK	347/0
BARCLAYS	471/0	LOWNO	278.0
BASS	187.0	LUCAS IND	631.0
BEAZER	187.0	MAGNET	301/0
BEECHAMS	630.0	MARKS+SP	195/0
BERISFORD	167.0	MAXWELL C	171.5
BICC PLC	505.0	HB GROUP	184.0
BLUE ARROW	96/0	NECCA LEI	167.0
BLUE CIRC	512/0	NTH FOODS	577.0
BUC GP	494/0	P & O DFD	338/0
BOOTS CO	278/0	PEARL	445/0
BPB INDS	246/0	PEARSON	728.0
BR COMM	169/0	PILKINGTON	233.0
BR AIRWAY	260/0	PLESSEY	259/0
BR AEROSP	694.0	POLLY PEC	302.0
BR GAS RG	196.0	RACAL ELC	442/0
BR LAND	371.0	RACAL TEL	403/0
B.P.	297.0	RANK NVIS	482/0
BR STEEL	73.00	RANK ORG	432/0
BR TELCOM	256.0	REUTERS	775.0
BUNZL	142.0	RITZ CORP	502.0
BURNHAM OL	604/0	ROLLS ROY	585.0
BURTON	242/0	ROTHMAN B	595/0
CABLEWIR	511.0	ROYAL INS	310/0
CADBURYS	393.0	SAINSBURY	254.0
CALOR GRP	388.0	SEARS	123.0
CLINTON	825/0	SEEDGECIK	242.0
CLINT R.T	813/0	SHELL	413/0
COOKSONS	331/0	SIEBE	519.0
COURTAULD	355.0	SLOUGH ES	334/0
DALGETY	379.0	SMITH IND	306.0
DIXONS	141.0	SMITH+NEPH	133.0
ENG CHINA	479/0	STC	366/2
ENTER OIL	587/0	STORENSE	149/6
FKI BABCOK	175.5	SUN ALLIA	276/0
FERRANTI	88.0	SUN LIFE	105.0
FISONS	305/0	TARMAC	304.0
GATEWAY	240.0	TATELYE	281.0
GEN ACCID	923/0	TAYLOR	328.0
GEN ELEC	254/0	TI GROUP	456.0
GLAND	369.0	TRAF HSE	345.0
GRANADA	348/0	TSB	107/0
GLOBE	182.5	T + N	236.0
GLYNED	295.0	TRUSTHEE	326/0
GUARD RYL	211/0	ULTRAMAR	322/4
GNL	395/0	UNILEVER	605.0
GUINNESS	515.0	UTO MNSP	443.0
HARRISON C	787.0	WELLCOME	438.0
HANSON	219/0	WELTRD IN	358/0
HARRISON C	167.0	WILLIAMS	249/0
HUKER SID	708/0	WILLIS FB	228.0
HILLSDOWN	273/0	WINPEY GE	264.0

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	942/0	944/0
600 GROUP	130/0	130/0
A.AMER TS	480/0	480/0
A.B.ELECT	374/0	378/0
A.S.W.HLD	262/0	262/0
AAB KENT	119/0	119/0
AAH HLD	407/0	406/0
AARONSON	85/0	85/0
ADDISON	41/4	42/0
ADWEST	200/0	201/0
ALEX WRKW	205/0	205/0
ALEXON	380/0	381/0
ALLO IR B	158/0	158/0
ALLO LBN	146/0	145/0
ALLO PART	72/4	72/0
ALLIED TEXT	380/0	380/0
ALLIANCE	065/0	064/0
AMBER DAY	65/0	65/0
AMEC	450/0	450/0
AMER TST	157/0	157/0
AMERSHAM	467/0	466/0
AMH HLTHC	404/0	397/0
ANGLIA SC	218/0	218/0
ANGLIA TV	272/0	272/0
ANSBACHER	75/0	76/0
APPLEYARD	166/0	167/0
APV PLC	143/0	143/0
ASHLEY LA	98/0	98/0
ASTWOODS	474/0	474/0
AUTO REED	405/0	405/0
AUTO SECS	310/0	310/0
AVESCO	150/0	150/0
AVIS EUR	422/0	421/0
AVON RUBB	554/0	555/0
B.WEMILL	271/0	271/0
BAILL JAP	530/0	530/0
BAILL SHI	95/0	95/0
BAIRD (W)	239/0	240/0
BANK IRE	287/0	288/0
BANKER IT	92/4	93/0
BARDON GP	193/0	193/0
BART DEV	182/0	182/0
BAYNES C.	34/0	35/0
BBG GROUP	199/0	201/0
BEAR BROS	13/4	13/4
BEATTIE J	148/0	147/0
BELLHAVEN	48/4	49/0
BELLWAY	230/0	231/0
BENROSE	242/0	241/0
BERWICK	56/0	57/0
BERKELEY	203/0	202/0
BH GROUP	142/4	143/0
BIK OF SCO	94/4	94/0
BLCK LE 2	8/6	8/4
BM GROUP	479/0	478/0
BNETT + F	110/0	110/0
BOASE MAS	362/0	363/0
BOODINGTN	182/0	183/0
BOODY SHOP	802/0	803/0
BOOT NEHR	500/0	498/0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-OR	PREV-YR
FT 300 ORD	1820.1	1815.0	1815.0	1455.3
FT 500 SHR	1247.56	1246.12	1232.25	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	1125.18	1122.34	1110.00	926.59
FT GOV SEC	85.72	85.43	85.47	87.03
FT GOLD MN	203.30	206.00	203.70	161.9
FT MINES F	668.06	668.39	662.96	565.31
FT OIL	2107.7	2117.1	2095.7	1725.4
FT MLD DLR	145.60	144.49	144.21	139.21
FT MLD STG	132.88	132.07	133.48	123.81
FT MLD LOC	137.24	136.09	135.37	123.40

London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS SLIP FROM HIGHS, BREWERS CONFUSED

FIRMER THIS AFTERNOON AS CREEPING CAUTION AHEAD OF KEY U.K. INFLATIONARY DATA LATER THIS WEEK TOOK SOME OF THE SPECULATIVE ENERGY OUT OF THE MARKET.

DEALERS SAID THE MARKET HAD BEEN THROWN INTO SOME CONFUSION BY NEWS REPORTS TRADE SECRETARY LORD YOUNG HAD PROPOSED THAT THE BREWERS SHOULD SELL HALF OF THEIR PUBS OVER A 2,000 LIMIT. BREWING SHARES SLID QUICKLY ON THIS BUT RALLIED AS IT BECAME CLEAR THE PUBS WOULD ONLY HAVE TO BE MADE "FREE HOUSES".

BY 1500 GMT THE FTSE 100 WAS 2.4 UP AT 2191.5 AFTER A HIGH OF 2197.5.

ANALYSTS SAID THE DECISION BY LORD YOUNG WAS A COMPROMISE THAT PUT NO TIME PRESSURE ON THE BREWERS. STILL, THE LARGE BREWING CONCERNS WOULD PROBABLY SEE NO POINT IN KEEPING THE "FREE HOUSES" UNLESS THEY REMAINED LOYAL TO THEIR BRANDS.

RUPERT SYMINGTON, BREWING ANALYST AT MORGAN RESEARCH, SAID "IT REMOVES A LOT OF UNCERTAINTY OVER THE SECTOR AND THE BREWERS HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO SELL THE PUBS AND PLENTY OF BUYERS."

SYMINGTON SAID BASS WOULD BE THE MAJOR BENEFICIARY FROM THE RESTRUCTURING SINCE IT HAD THE STRONGEST BEER BRANDS AND COULD REASONABLY BE EXPECTED TO CAPTURE A LARGE AMOUNT OF THE NEW "FREE HOUSE" BUSINESS.

London Gold

LONDON, JULY 10, REUTER - GOLD BULLION DIPPED BACK DURING ROUTINE LATE TRADING, MATCHING THE TREND IN NEW YORK, ALTHOUGH THE MOVEMENT WAS SLIGHT, WITH PRICES ENDING SLIGHTLY LOWER.

GOLD CLOSED AT 382.00/382.50 DLRs AN OUNCE, THE LOW OF A NARROW TWO DLR RANGE AND COMPARED WITH OPENING AND PREVIOUS CLOSING LEVELS OF 382.80/383.30 AND 384.50/385.00 DLRs.

DEALERS SAID ROUTINE MOVEMENTS TODAY WERE DICTIONATED BY CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS, WITH GOLD DRIFTING BACK DURING LATE TRADING WHEN THE DOLLAR STABILISED. TECHNICALLY, PRICES ARE CONSOLIDATING WITHIN A 380/390 DLR RANGE, WITH THE CEILING EXPECTED TO BE TESTED SOON GIVEN CURRENT DOLLAR WEAKNESS.

London Money Market

LONDON, JULY 10, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES WERE BELOW THIS MORNING'S LEVELS AS STERLING IMPROVED ON THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE AFTER U.K. PRODUCER PRICE DATA FOR JUNE SHOWED SMALLER THAN EXPECTED RISES AT BOTH THE INPUT AND OUTPUT STAGES.

AFTER A LOW OF 91.4 ON ITS TRADE-WEIGHTED INDEX, STERLING CLOSED AT 92.2 -- A NET GAIN ON THE DAY OF 0.2 POINTS. THE POUND'S WEAK OPENING AGAINST THE MARK HAD CAUSED A FLURRY OF ACTIVITY AND GAINS OF AROUND 1/16 POINT IN LONGER PERIOD RATES.

"THE PRICES DATA WAS GOOD NEWS," SAID ONE MONEY BROKER, "BUT NOBODY IS GETTING OVERKEYED ON ONE POSITIVE FIGURE." THREE MONTH INTERBANK WAS BID 1/16 POINT SOFTER AT 14 13-7/8 PCT.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPNG
STG 1.6315/25	1.6440/50	1.8570/80	6.1975/05	NOON
DMK 1.8604/8684	3.037/051	3.0405/40	20.3090/3235	NOON
FFR 6.307/319	10.3315/3495	338.84/9.48	29.405/565	FIX
SFR 1.6092/6102	2.6246/6278	86.26/36	25.41/45	NOON
HFL 2.0990	3.4425	3.3245	3.3245	FIX
ECU 1.11331	.677815	2.06965	7.01832	CLSE
SOR 1.27433	0.785896	2.40606	8.16145	CLSE
YEN 138.80/90	226.45/76			NOON
SDR RATE	07/07/1989	OTHERS	10/07/1989	

BORTHWICK	42/0	42/0	HEPWORTH	275/0	275/0
BR ARROW	111/0	111/0	HEYWOOD V	226/0	227/0
BR DREDGI	78/2	79/0	HICKSON IN	275/0	276/0
BR VITA	165/0	167/0	HIGGS HIL	323/0	322/0
BRENT CHE	140/0	140/0	HMBRO CTP	43/0	44/0
BRENT WKR	383/0	383/0	HMBRO ZOP	205/0	205/0
BRITAIN SE	207/0	207/0	HMT SPHR	150/0	151/0
BRITANNIC	193/0	196/0	HOLMES PR	82/0	82/0
BRIXTON E	434/0	437/0	HOUNDEN GP	155/0	156/0
BRN & JAC	42/4	42/0	HPOKINSON	79/0	78/0
BROWN SHI	349/0	350/0	HRTV.OEGS	144/0	145/0
BRYANT GP	96/0	96/0	HRTV GROUP	100/0	102/0
BSG INTL	76/4	77/0	ICE.FZ.FD	339/0	340/0
BUDGENS	118/0	118/0	IMRY M.DV	582/0	590/0
BULLOUGH	190/0	191/0	INNOPT V	15/0	15/0
BULMER HP	171/0	172/0	INOCO PLC	38/4	38/4
CAIRO GP	527/0	525/0	INT.BU.CM	145/0	146/0
CALENDONIA	369/0	370/0	INT.CITY	53/0	52/0
CAMB ELEC	134/0	214/0	JOS HLDGS	65/0	65/0
CAMFORD E	300/0	300/0	KALAMZAD	32/0	32/0
CANNING W	283/0	283/0	KALON GRP	42/0	42/4
CANNON ST	202/0	203/0	KELT ENGY	53/4	54/0
CAP.RADIO	797/0	797/0	KETSON	12/4	12/0
CARDORP	328/0	327/0	KLMT CHR	146/4	146/4
CATTLE HD	69/0	70/0	KLMT SHV	187/0	187/0
CAULDON	12/4	13/0	KLVK SAVE	485/0	485/0
CEINTL TV	788/0	793/0	KLVK-FIT	115/0	115/0
CHAM PHRR	214/0	213/0	LAINC 'A'	327/0	326/0
CHARTERHA	24/6	25/0	LAINC GRP	333/0	333/0
CHLORIDE	39/0	39/0	LAINC PRP	503/0	503/0
CHRISTIES	284/0	283/0	LAINC GRP	262/0	263/0
CI GROUP	51/0	51/0	LAINC W	147/0	147/0
CLAYFORD	302/0	305/0	LDM & MET	186/0	186/0
CLYDE SEC	59/0	59/0	LDM ATLAN	78/0	79/0
CNTRY OIL	163/0	163/0	LDM INTL	233/0	233/0
COALITE	470/0	467/0	LDM UTD	60/0	63/0
COATES BR	252/0	282/0	LDM UTD	148/0	149/0
COLOROLL	153/0	153/0	LEISURE I	88/0	88/0
CONNELLS	204/0	205/0	LEX SERV	376/0	360/0
COOPER F	136/0	136/0	LIFE SCIE	78/0	79/0
COSTAIN	327/0	327/0	LILLEY	73/0	73/0
COURTS FR	197/0	197/0	LIT	124/0	125/0
COWIE (T)	143/0	142/0	LLOYD THP	220/0	220/0
CRH	196/0	197/0	LOGICA	330/0	330/0
CRODA INT	201/0	201/0	LOGIC HD	248/0	248/0
CRYSTALAT	124/0	123/0	LOW (M)	266/0	267/0
CTRY PROP	230/0	232/0	LOWBONNER	203/0	203/0
DARES EST	31/6	32/0	M&G CORP	328/0	329/0
DAVIS GD	167/0	168/0	M&G PACIF	230/0	231/0
DAVY CORP	249/0	249/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
DAVSON GP	135/0	135/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
DELTA GRP	341/0	341/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
DEVENISH	309/0	307/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
DEWHIRST	41/4	42/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
DIPLOMA	220/0	222/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
DONKIN PK	100/0	100/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
DONPAS GR	356/0	355/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
DONKINGEN	79/0	80/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
DONNY GR	270/0	271/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
DRAYTON FE	462/0	462/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
DRAYTON C	546/0	548/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
DRG	485/0	485/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
DUNDESTR	70/0	71/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
DUNKELD	322/0	323/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
DUNHILL	319/0	320/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
EAGLE TST	17/4	18/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
EDIN I.T	194/4	194/4	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
EDMOND HD	41/4	41/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
ELECTRA	218/4	218/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
ELECTROCOM	241/0	242/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
EMAP	135/0	136/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
EMESS	175/0	175/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
EMPIRE ST	302/0	302/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
ENG.INT.J	198/0	198/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
ETAM	198/0	198/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
EURO HOME	315/0	315/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
EURETHORP	196/0	196/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
EURLTH UT	83/0	83/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
EURLTH UT	83/0	83/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
EVOCOR GP	177/0	177/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/0
EX.CO.LOU	254/0	254/0	M&G PACIF	231/0	231/

International Bond Highlights

WARSAW: The United States and Poland signed an agreement on Monday allowing Poland a five-year grace period to repay one billion dollars of debt owed to US agencies, US officials said. US President George Bush later told the Polish Parliament he would ask other industrial democracies to postpone Polish debt payments of five billion dollars this year.

Rome: The European Investment Bank is issuing a 200 billion lire Eurobond due July 31, 1995 paying 11 1/2 pct and priced at 100 3/8, a spokesman for lead manager Banca Nazionale del Lavoro said.

London: Tokyo Electric Power Co Inc is issuing a 300 million dir Eurobond due August 23, 1996 paying 8-3/4 pct and priced at 101.85 pct, lead manager Natwest Capital Markets said.

London: The Japanese Export-Import Bank is issuing a 200 million dir Eurobond due September 1, 1999 paying 8-5/8 pct and priced at 101.20 pct, lead manager Paribas Capital Markets said.

London: DSL Bank, Deutsche Siedlungs- und Landesrentenbank, is issuing a 75 mln ECU Eurobond due August 1, 1994 paying 8-3/4 pct and priced at 101-7/8 pct, lead manager Mitsui Finance International Ltd said.

London: Leaders of the world's seven biggest industrial democracies will this week seek to inject new life into their strategy to slash the Third World debt burden and take pressure off the ailing economies of Latin America.

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	90.50	90	90 MUK IRON	133.50	132	133
ACC	318	318.50	315.50	GNFC	38	37	36.50	NAT INDEX	401.49
ALLEN CHEM	---	---	---	GRASIM	130	130	126.50	NAT ORG	---
ALW NIS	---	---	---	GSFC	157.50	155	158.75	NIPPON	36
ARI FAB	---	---	---	GUJ ALK	70	68.50	69.50	NOCIL	1005
ASHOK LEY	80.50	78	79.50	GUJ HEAVY	10.50	10	11	ORRAY	18
ASIA PAINT	197.50	197.50	197.50	HERO HONDA	21	21	19	OSUAL AGRO	71.50
ATLAS COP	38	37	36.50	HIND CIBA	920	910	900	PEICO	19
AUTO CORP	70	70	69	HIND COCOA	113	122.50	112.50	PONDS	173.75
BAJAJ AUTO	372.50	370	365	HIND LEVER	94.50	94	94	PREN AUTO	54
BAR RAYON	545	550	575	HIND MOTOR	38.25	37.75	33.75	RANBAXY	90
BEI BOND	86	84	85	HINDALCO	217.50	312.50	310	RAY WOOL	83.50
BLOD PLAST	---	---	---	HOCHTIT	715	710	700	RECKITT	192.50
BOM DYE	143	142.50	141	IND ORG	39.50	38.50	35.50	SESA GDA	41.50
BSE INDEX	784.38	783.70	783.70	IND RAYON	83.50	83	82.50	SHRI FIB	88.50
BURR WEL	212.50	207.50	210	INDROL	303.75	301.25	295	SHRI FIB	88.50
CANSHARE	185	175	185	INDERSOLL	395	392.50	397.50	SIEMENS	71
CEN ENKA	2800	2760	2745	ITC	118	118	115	SKF	1320
CEN SPG	1980	1960	1960	KJ SYN	81	78	80.50	SPIC	56.50
COLGATE	325	321.25	321.25	KIN ENGG	176.75	173.75	177.50	ST MILLS	360
CROMY CR	1350	1290	1310	KIR CUM	58	54.50	55	TATA CHEM	125
DCM	11	10.50	11	KSB PUMPS	400	390	395	TATA OIL	62.50
DEEP FERT	31	31	30.25	L AND T	97	96	93	TATA POW	380
DUNLOP	80	80	81	LIPTON	75	74	74	TELCO	1020
EI HOTELS	65	65	62	MAD RUSSEL	121	118	118	THAPR AGRO	---
ESKORTS	69.50	68	69.50	MAD COATS	106	104	106	TISCO	1471
ESSAYER	126.25	128.75	126.25	MARINDRA	98	96	94	VAN ORG	170
ESKAYE	23.25	23	23.50	MAS SHARE	18.50	18.50	18.35	VARELI	22.50
FORBES	175	171.25	171.25	WICO	665	660	645	VOLTA	852.50
FORBES	52	51	50	WILKFOOD	210	212.50	207.50	WINDO	18.50
GAR POLY	66.50	66	65.50	WODI	85	80	82.50	ZENITH	59
GE SHIPPING	42	41.50	41.25	MRF LTD	---	360	365	ZUARI AGRO	76

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
AEG	210.3
ALLIANZ VR	2037.0
BADEMERK	230.0
BASF	298.5
BAYER	301.0
BAYER HYP	426.0
BAYER VER	412.0
BBC	462.0
BHF	478.0
BMW	554.0
COMMERZB	273.0
CONTI GUM	301.2
DAIMER BEN	709.0
DEUTSCH BHK	627.5
DLW	550.0
DRESNER B	352.0
DT BAROCK	202.5
FAZ INDEX	628.34
FELDMUEHLE	397.5
GOLDMID	415.5
HANSEATIC	455.0
HOFER	298.2
HOECHST	245.0
HORTEN	273.0
HUSSEL HLD	0
KALI SALZ	217.0
KARSTADT	587.0
KAUFHOF	516.0
KLOECK H	189.0
KLOECK W	166.0
LINDE	765.0
LUFTHANSA	177.5
MAN	318.8
MANHESMAN	235.4
MERCEDES	509.0
METALLGES	453.0
NIXDORF PF	403.0
NORSK HYD	46.70
PHILIP KOM	550.0
PORSCHE	732.0
PREUSSAG	310.5
PWA	306.0
RHEINMETAL	403.0
RWE	326.5
RWE P	272.0
SALAMANDER	339.5
SCHERING	649.8
SEL	311.0
SIEMENS	588.5
THYSEN	232.8
VARTA	368.0
VEBA	340.0
VEW	215.5
VOLKSWAGEN	423.9

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
BANK EA	14.30
CATHAY	8.45
CAVENDISH	285
CHINESE K	7.30
CHINA L-P	12.20
DAIRY FARM	675
EVERGO IWD	2.02
GT INDEX	0
H S EXGLE	439.20
HAECO	17
HANG LUNG	4.00
HENDERSON	4.05
HK BANK	5.55
HK ELEC	7.50
HK GAS	16.50
HK LAND	7.35
HK TELECOM	4.92
HK-S HOTEL	4.62
HOPEWELL	2.12
HS BANK	20.60
HUTCHINSON	7.90
HYAN DEV	1.20
JAS NATH	19.00
JSH	11.10
KH BUS	6.85
LAI SUN	113
MANDARIN O	0
MIRAMAR	5.30
NEW WORLD	8.80
PAUL Y CON	85
SHK PROP	8.65
STELUX	2.05
STIRE A	15.10
TAI CHEUNG	3.95
TV-B	1.06
WAFAP	7.80
WINDOR	8.25
WORLD INTL	3.27

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
AJINOMOTO	2640
AKAI ELEC	756
AKAI OPT	1300
ASAHI GLS	2340
ASAHI OPT	910
BANK TOKYO	1660
BRIDGESTON	1850
CANON	1450
CASIO CORP	1850
CHUGAI PHM	1850
CITIZEN W	1120
D-ICHI KAN	3280
DAI NIP IT	873
DAI NIP TP	2340
DAI NIP TC	1310
DAI NIP TO	943
DAICEL	1090
DAIWA H	2100
DAIWA SEC	2180
EBARA MFG	2350
EBARA	2020
FUJITSU	1680
FUJITSU	3400
FUJITSU PHOTO	4470
FUJITSU	1690
FUJITSU CP	1890
HITACHI	1640
HONDA MOT	2020
ISETAN	2570
ITO YOKADO	4030
JAP SYN RU	1220
JAPAN AIR	16000
JAPAN MET	1130
KAJIMA	2100
KANSAI EL	4460
KAO SOAP	1720
KAWASAKI H	1220
KAWASAKI S	912
KIRIN BEV	1920
KOMATSU	1270
KUBOTA LTD	1150
KYOCERA	6450
MAKITA EL	1850
MARUI	2830
MATSUDA EL	2430
MATSUDA EL	0
NEIJI SEIK	1070
NITSUBU CP	1480
NITSUBU EST	1190
NITSUBU HVT	1260
NITSUBU CO	1090
NITSUBUKOSHI	2250
NITSUMI EL	1080
NICHICON	1760
NIHON CHMT	1120
NIP SEC	1750
NIP KOKKAN	1616
NIP STEEL	840
NIP YUSEN	1010
NIS MOTOR	1560
NOMURA SEC	3200
OHBA CO	1280
OLYMPUS	1490
PENTA OCH	1330
PIONEER	3900
RENOVA	1140
RICOH	1290
SANKYO	2410
SANYO ELEC	920
SEIYU ST	2200
SEKISUI PB	2000
SHARP	1480
SHISEIDO	1880
SHY	8000
TAISEI	1630
TAISHO HRN	1370
TAKEJIMA	2390
TEIJI	930
TKO NEW IX	504.15
TKO MTR	2050
TKO ELEC	1220
TKO GAS	1070
TKO POWR	5720
TORAY IND	990
TOSHIBA EL	1400
TOTO	2470
TOYO KOGY	995
TOYOTA MOT	2610
YAMAHA	1580
YAMAHACHI	1720
YAMAMOTO	3700
YAMAZAKI	1550

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSED MIXED IN LIGHT TRADE. TOKYO, JULY 10, REUTER - SIGNS THAT A LONG-AWAITED CUT IN U.S. INTEREST RATES MAY SOON EMERGE FAILED TO RALLY THE MARKET BEYOND AN UPWARD BOUNCE AT THE OPEN, LEAVING SHARE PRICES TO CLOSE MIXED IN LIGHT TRADE AFTER A SLOUGHISH DAY, BROKERS SAID. DATA RELEASED FRIDAY SHOWED SLOWER U.S. GROWTH FOR JUNE.

"THE FIGURES ARE POSITIVE, BUT THE CHANNELS TO INTERPRET THEIR IMPACT ON THE JAPANESE STOCK MARKET ARE THROUGH CURRENCY RATES," SAID MICHAEL CUTBILL, FUND MANAGER FOR BANK OF TOKYO TOUCHE REHNANT ASSET MANAGEMENT (BTR).

THE KEY 225-SHARE NIKKEI INDEX RISES 27.95 POINTS TO 33,676.02 AFTER RISING 280.49 ON FRIDAY.

TURNOVER WAS A LIGHT 500 MLN SHARES AGAINST 700 MLN LAST FRIDAY.

"INVESTORS ARE NOT YET CONVINCED THE TIME IS RIGHT TO BE GENUINELY BULLISH," BTR'S CUTBILL SAID. THE DOLLAR HAS WEAKENED SLIGHTLY AGAINST THE YEN SINCE FRIDAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

BROKERS EXPECT SLOWER U.S. JOBS GROWTH TO LEAD TO LOWER INTEREST RATES, WHICH COULD DIVERT INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS BACK INTO JAPANESE EQUITIES.

BUT MARKET ANALYSTS AGREE THAT INSTITUTIONS WILL LIKELY REMAINED SIDELINED UNTIL UPPER HOUSE PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS ON JULY 23.

"INSTITUTIONS WANT TO SEE WHAT REALLY HAPPENS TO INTEREST RATES," SAID A BROKER AT A JAPANESE SECURITIES HOUSE.

MANY BROKERS SAID THAT HEAVY LOSSES BY THE SCANDAL-RIDDEN RULING LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (LDP) HAVE BEEN DISCOUNTED, SO THE ELECTION MAY BE JUST AN EXCUSE NOT TO BUY FOR NOW.

BUT NO ONE WANTS TO LEAD A RETURN TO THE MARKET, WHICH HAS SUFFERED FROM LOW VOLUME FOR WEEKS, IN CASE THEY MOVE TOO EARLY AND GET BURNED, SEVERAL ANALYSTS SAID.

"IT'S AS THOUGH THE INSTITUTIONAL INVESTORS ARE PLAYING CHICKEN TO SEE WHO'S GOING TO JUMP FIRST," SAID MIKE NORIYUKI, MARKET ANALYST FOR MERRILL LYNCH JAPAN.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, JULY 10, REUTER - PRICES OF BLUE CHIPS ROSE SHARPLY ON A STRONG TECHNICAL REBOUND FOLLOWING A HALF PERCENTAGE POINT CUT IN LOCAL INTEREST RATES AND THE RISE ON WALL STREET ON FRIDAY, BROKERS SAID.

THE HANG SENG INDEX JUMPED 63.26 POINTS, OR 2.66 PCT, TO 2,439.20. THE HONG KONG INDEX ROSE 40.46 TO 1,609.12.

"ALL NEWS, BOTH LOCALLY AND FROM OVERSEAS, WAS FAVOURABLE TO EQUITIES," SAID A BROKER WITH A MAJOR LOCAL HOUSE. "BUT THE RALLY WAS MAINLY A TECHNICAL REBOUND MAKING USE OF GOOD NEWS."

THE BETTER-THAN-EXPECTED JUNE U.S. JOB DATA REDUCED INVESTORS' WORRY ABOUT A GLOBAL RECESSION.

AMMAN

OPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	2.61
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	2.22
ARAB BANK	174.0
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	4.54
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.85
ARAB INSURANCE	1.08
ARAB INT. INV. TRAD.	0.67
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.11
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	1.24
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.37
ARAB PAPER CON/TRD	0.35
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	3.65
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	2.19
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	15.07
BEIT AL-HAL/BEITNA	1.26
BELGIUM INSURANCE	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	29.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.34
DAR ALDAWA/INV.	2.70
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.80
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.75
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.50
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.27
GENERAL MINING	2.10
HIMEN MINERALS	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44
IND. MATCH JEMCO	1.24
INDSTR. DEVLPT BNK	1.63
INDSTR./COMM/AGR.	1.70
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75
INTERCOM/INV	0.13
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.81
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	2.20
J. TOUR-S/PCOMPLEX	0.79
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	19.50
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	2.26
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.45
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.11
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.18
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.45
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.79
JOR LIM BRICK	0.15
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.48
JOR PAPER CARD/BRD	4.25
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	4.10
JOR PIPES MANUFACT.	2.36
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	1.79
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	1.35
JOR SECURIT. CORP.	1.12
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.18
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	2.96
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.79
JOR. KUWAIT AGR	0.88
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.99
JOR. FRENCH INS.	2.68
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	2.30
JORDANIAN GULF REAL	0.35
JORDAN DAILY	1.15
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.08
JORDAN INSURANCE	0.94
JORDAN ISLAMIC BNK	2.20
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.40
JORDAN TANNING	1.96
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.71
MACH/EBU/RENT/MAIN	0.88
MID EAST EXCHANGE	1.17
MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.55
MIDDEL EAST INS.	2.00
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.79
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.89
NAT/CABEL/WIRE/MF	2.83
NATIONAL AHLIA INS	1.43
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	1.00
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	1.33
NATIONAL STEEL	2.47
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25
PETRA BANK	2.25
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35
PHILADELPHIA INS.	1.40
PRECAST CONCRETE	0.73
RAFIA INDUSTRIAL	1.91
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.66
SHIPPING LINES	1.27
SPINNING WEAVING	1.34
THE HOUSING BANK	1.85
UNITED INSURANCE	1.21
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	3.28
UNIVERSAL INS.	0.65
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.85
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.35

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	CLSE
AC-A	19.50	19.75	19.75	LC-B	25
ANS	2.75	2.80	2.75	PK-A	28
GLO	24.00	24.50	24.50	PK-B	29
PLDT	330.00	332.50	330.00	PK-C	29
SHS-A	68.50	69.00	70.00	PK-D	013
SHS-B	92.00	92.50	93.00	PK-E	013
MINING	0.04	0.06	0.04	PK-F	046
APX-A	0.015	0.016	0.015	PK-G	047

BUSINESS

Skilled foreign workers can obtain permanent resident status

SINGAPORE, July 10, (AP): Hong Kong's blue and white collar workers with at least five years of working experience in the British colony will be allowed the right of emergency residence in Singapore, a government statement said today.

"Singapore offers a place of abode to Hong Kong blue and white collar workers who intend to stay in Hong Kong but wish to secure a place of abode if the need

arises. It is extending its permanent residence scheme to blue collar technicians, craftsmen, skilled workers and white collar clerical workers and their families," the statement said.

Hong Kong reverts to Chinese rule in 1997. China's bloody suppression of the pro-democracy movement in Beijing has caused many of Hong Kong's 5.7 million people to express fears about the territory's future under

China.

Under the extended permanent residence plan, workers can register to remain in Hong Kong — as long as it is deemed an attractive place to live and work — while enjoying the security of a place of abode in Singapore in an emergency, the statement said.

The Singapore government has decided to liberalise its rules on permanent residence to compete with developed countries in

recruiting skilled workers, technicians and professionals, many of whom live in Hong Kong.

"Singapore's growing economy requires more such people than are being produced domestically. Shortage of talent means fewer foreign investors establishing businesses here, slower growth and fewer opportunities for Singaporeans," the statement said.

"This liberalisation applies to

immigrants from all sources, whatever their ethnic background, so long as they can be integrated into Singapore society without upsetting the present balance in its multicultural character, a balance which the government will maintain," the statement said.

Businessmen who invest less than \$500,000 also will be allowed to become permanent residents provided their busi-

nesses are approved by the Economic Development Board.

In the past, only businessmen who invested more than \$500,000, professionals, and university graduates were allowed to become permanent residents in Singapore.

Of this island republic's 2.6 million people, 76 per cent are Chinese, 15 per cent Malays, 6 per cent Indians and the rest Eurasians and Europeans.

Investors still keen at delayed YSL issue

PARIS, July 10, (Reuters): The stock market flotation of French fashion and perfumes house Yves Saint Laurent went ahead today with investors undeterred by the massive oversubscription which caused it to be postponed last week.

Official broker Francois Dufour-Kervin said a ruling requiring investors to place deposits equal to the number of shares requested cut applications for the 400,000 shares from 103 million to a more manageable 10.8 million.

With the flotation nearly 27 times oversubscribed, analysts predicted the price would soar when trading opened on Paris' second market tomorrow.

"It's a great success, especially when you consider that people were forced to put down considerable deposits," commented a Dufour-Kervin analyst. There had been many applications from abroad, he said.

Last Thursday's flotation, marking the first time a French fashion house had ventured onto the bourse (stock exchange), had to be postponed because the level of applications made scaled-down share allocation impossible.

YSL had warned that the 853-franc (\$135) share price would have to be raised if demand remained above 50 million on the second attempt.

Authorities on the second market, which has different rules from the larger first market, will now distribute the shares proportionally, with punters getting only 3.72 per cent of the shares asked for.

The stock will then open at 853 francs and Dufour-Kervin's analyst said they were expected to rise by four per cent, the maximum increase allowed on the second market.

The flotation, which represents slightly more than 10 per cent of Groupe Yves Saint Laurent's share capital, ushers in a new company structure where management enjoys near-complete independence from shareholders.

YSL company chairman Pierre Berge has justified the structure by saying he wishes to protect both the business and small shareholders from ruthless takeover bids and the kind of in-house squabbling seen at luxury group LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton.

YSL, which owed 85 per cent of its 2.6-billion-franc (\$412-million) turnover in 1988 to perfume sales, is hoping to build up business in North America and South East Asia and work on a line of accessories.

"The reaction to YSL was incredible," said one analyst. "Every investor is going to be looking at the goods in their portfolio and wondering what they're worth."

Plans to develop granite industry

AMMAN, July 10, (Reuters): A Jordanian businessman based in Australia said today he plans to raise up to \$100 million to start a granite exporting industry in south Jordan.

"We will invest about \$8 million as a start, but it could go to 100 million," Hoss Majdalawi told Reuters. He declined to say how the money would be raised.

He said he wanted to establish quarries in areas north of the Red Sea port of Aqaba with equipment to extract up to 490 square metres (586 square yards) of rock from each daily.

A cutting and polishing plant would be set up in Aqaba.

"I want to make granite as important for Jordan as phosphates," he said, referring to the kingdom's main export.

Majdalawi, who has a Canberra-based contracting business, said he had tested two samples of Jordanian granite and they both exceeded British and US standards.

Natural Resources Authority director-general Kamal Jreisat told Reuters granite fields were found in southern Jordan over an area of about 5,000 square km (2,000 square miles).

Majdalawi is taking part in an annual conference organised by the government for representatives of 320,000 Jordanians working abroad, partly to encourage them to invest in Jordan.

Japan expected to unveil a 3-year \$30b programme

G-7 to seek new push on Third World strategy

LONDON, July 10, (Reuters): Leaders of the world's seven biggest industrial democracies will seek this week to inject new life into their strategy to slash the Third World debt burden and take pressure off the ailing economies of Latin America.

Monetary officials say Group of Seven nations plan to give a fresh political push at their Paris summit to a US initiative to persuade banks to write off part of the \$1.3-trillion debt despite strong criticism that the strategy is not working.

The seven leaders, who sit down to dinner with Third World heads of state on Thursday, will however argue that the quid pro quo for debt reduction must be tough economic reform, whether it be in Latin America or Eastern European nations such as Poland.

Mounting political pressure on commercial banks may yet succeed in clinching an 11th hour deal to reduce Mexico's debt just in time for the July 14-16 summit.

It is a test case for the four-month-old strategy for which a concrete deal has so far eluded its author, US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady.

Under his plan, banks would agree to a cut in the face value of their loans in return for the debtor nations issuing bonds which would offer greater security of repayment.

Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, among leaders converging on Paris to attend celebrations for the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution, has already warned he will not accept a debt accord that fails to allow real growth.

Group of Seven leaders will also take little comfort from a recent move by the world's biggest debtor, Brazil, to delay repayments or from \$3.5 billion in bank arrears owed by Argentina where Economy Minister Miguel Roig, launching new austerity measures yesterday, declared: "Our state is broke."

Brady, who unveiled his strategy in March, was on the defensive last week, saying it could not work overnight.

"I see it working ... almost every multilateral organisation in the world has put its imprimatur on the strategy," he said.

For once world leaders do not face an economic crisis in their own economies and can point with satisfaction to a seventh year of strong expansion and a



Prime Minister Soudouke Uno (right) meets with former Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita in Tokyo yesterday in advance of attending the Paris summit of seven major economic powers July 14-16. (Reuters wirephoto)

fall in US interest rates.

An unruly dollar surge appears to have been tamed just in time different shades of opinion may emerge on inflation, but the United States, Japan, West Germany, France, Britain, Italy and Canada are agreed they cannot let it get out of control.

Protest at the Chinese government's crushing of June's student uprising is expected, but otherwise the gathering is likely to be dominated by the environment — the so-called "greening of the seven" and Third World debt.

The two subjects are linked by growing international concern about the destruction of the Amazon rain forest which Brazilian officials have tied to the need to exploit the nation's natural resources to help repay \$120 billion of debt.

Monetary officials said the draft communiqué talks of "reaffirming the debt strategy".

Behind that somewhat bland formulation will be an implicit rejection by most summit nations of a call by French

President Francois Mitterrand for a new allocation of the IMF's currency basket or Special Drawing Rights to fund the Brady Plan.

But the Brady Plan is likely to get a boost from Japan which is pledging \$4.5 to five billion support.

Officials expect Japanese Prime Minister Soudouke Uno will be in no political position to attack US trade policies as he did in May at a meeting of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris.

But Japan is expected to unveil a three-year \$30 billion programme to recycle its huge trade surplus, including extra contributions to a Mexican aid programme.

The biggest boost to Brady's plan would be a deal between Mexico and banks. The sides are edging towards a 35 per cent cut on part of the \$54-billion medium and long-term bank debt.

A statement at the weekend said they were close to agreement in principle but the talks, which have dragged on nearly three months, have raised a fundamental question — why should banks lend more if the value of old debt is no longer 100 per cent?

The traditional answer, that a more creditworthy nation will make future loans more secure, has failed to impress.

Nor are banks enthralled by the prospect of talks with other debtors — the Philippines, Morocco, Costa Rica and Venezuela.

Solutions to debt problems in the Eastern bloc are likely to take a different tack, with US President George Bush saying in Warsaw today he would ask other industrial nations to postpone debt repayments of \$3 billion this year.

US Secretary of State James Baker and Polish Foreign Minister Tadeusz Olechowski earlier today agreed to defer payments on \$1 billion owed to US agencies.

Pipeline blast cuts Soviet gas supply

MOSCOW, July 10, (AP): The explosion of a major pipeline in the Ural mountains decreased the country's gas supply by 20 per cent, forcing cuts in gas exports and supplies to domestic factories and consumers, a government official said.

Gas Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin also said Soviet consumers should conserve gas used in kitchen stoves and brace for shortages of rubber and plastic goods made from the petroleum products the pipeline carried.

A 1,153-mile (1,800-kilometre) pipeline carrying a mixture of benzene, propane and butane from Western Siberia to chemical factories and kitchen stoves in the country's centre burst June 4 as two passenger trains went by.

A spark from the transsiberian railroad trains touched off an explosion and fire, incinerating more than 600 passengers.

President Mikhail Gorbachev said workers noticed a drop in pressure caused by the leak but increased the flow instead of shutting the line down.

On the day of the accident, a gas ministry spokesman told the Associated Press the gas flow from the region was quickly diverted to an alternate pipeline and that no significant disruption occurred. It was not immediately possible to explain the discrepancy in the assessments.

Chernomyrdin told the government daily Izvestia, in an interview published Saturday, the pipeline carried 13,500 tons of the 17,000 tons of liquefied gas that western Siberia supplies daily to the country's centre. He said the accident caused a daily production shortfall of 5,000 tons.

Izvestia did not say how many tons of gas the nation produces, but it said the accident caused a 20 per cent reduction in gas supplies in June.

Chernomyrdin said many petrochemical factories are either idle or working at half strength because of the gas shortfall. He also said raw petroleum products supplied to industry will be cut by 25 per cent in the third quarter of the year, causing losses in the millions of rubles.

The gas shortage and decreased plastic and rubber supplies will affect Soviet consumers already grappling with shortages of meat, butter, toothpaste, sugar and matches.



New Argentine Economy Minister Miguel Roig looks serious in the picture taken during the inauguration ceremony of President Carlos Menem. Roig announced harsh austerity measures to combat Argentina's worst ever economic crisis. (Reuters wirephoto)

'Devaluation necessary' Gasoline prices soar

BUENOS AIRES, July 10, (UPI): Gasoline prices soared by 700 per cent today in the first of many anticipated steep rate increases for public services and goods controlled by the government in the largest devaluation since 1983.

Rates for electricity and public transportation also are expected to shoot up shortly in an austerity plan designed to turn back hyperinflation. As part of the plan, a devaluation lopped in half the value of Argentina's monetary unit.

The government announced that as of today the most commonly used gas for small cars would cost 270 australes a litre, roughly the equivalent of \$1.64 a gallon.

Yesterday a litre of gas cost 38 australes a litre, or roughly 24 cents a gallon.

One effect of the price hike was a drop in street traffic in Buenos Aires.

Argentina's new government announced yesterday it was devaluing the nation's currency by 53.84 per cent in the first phase of a stabilisation plan aimed at curbing hyperinflation. As of June, Argentina's inflation rate for the previous 12-month period was 1,472 per cent.

Argentines will have to "endure a very tough period in order to emerge from this crisis," said President Carlos Menem, who attended a mass at the National Cathedral and presided over a military parade to celebrate Argentina's 173rd anniversary of independence.

"We have to conduct major surgery without anaesthesia," Menem said.

Economy Minister Miguel Roig said in a television address the austral, a currency now valued at 300 to one US dollar, will be devalued today to a rate of 650 australes to one US dollar.

The new rate amounts to a devaluation of 53.84 per cent.

Roig also said that other public service rates, such as electricity, public transportation, and gasoline, will be raised at rates ranging from 30 to 180 per cent.

"This is a supreme effort we are asking of the entire population," Roig said.

He said the devaluation was necessary because "the reserves of the central bank are exhausted."

To protect consumers, he said, the government is negotiating with business leaders for a price rollback to July 3.

At the same time, wages will be increased by a one-time amount in July of 8,000 australes (\$12.30).

The minimum wage in Argentina in July stands at 20,000 australes (\$30) and average wages are approximately double the minimum wage.

Roig said other reforms will be the introduction of a law to place foreign investment under the same treatment as domestic investment and to grant greater autonomy to the Central Bank to control the money supply.

As of June, the inflation rate of the previous 12-month period stood at 1,472 per cent.

Argentine consumers have been battered by skyrocketing food costs as merchants try to protect themselves with a price cushion before expected new price controls are imposed.

In recent days the price of milk shot up from the equivalent of 16 US cents a litre to 53 cents a litre, and the price of bread has gone up from 49 cents a loaf to \$1.16 a loaf, at the exchange rate in effect prior to the devaluation announced by Roig.

A dozen eggs that cost \$1 on July 3 cost \$1.66 on July 9.

US Secretary of Commerce Robert Mosbacher, leader of a US delegation attending Menem's inauguration, said in a news conference in Buenos Aires yesterday that Argentina's recovery "can't be achieved right away" and will take "a long time."

He said in a meeting between the US delegation and Menem and his aides, the Argentines did not ask for credit assistance now, and the US officials did not offer "anything specific."

"They do not expect outside help," he said.

Asked if the United States would press Argentina for foreign debt payments, which have been in default for over a year, Mosbacher said it was now "much more important that Argentina controls hyperinflation and their economy."

He said he was "optimistic" about improvements in trade between the United States and Argentina.

Common fund to bring stability

Commodity markets

GENEVA, July 10, (KUNA): Dr Y. Seyyid Abdulai, the director general of OPEC Fund for International Development, today pledged continued support by the member countries of OPEC to achieve the objectives of the common fund for commodities.

Addressing a press conference, Dr Abdulai said, "apart from commitments already made, we stand ready to help the common fund to realise its aims. We will continue to provide support in whatever ways possible."

The OPEC Fund had made the largest single contribution, amounting to \$83.56 million, towards financing the common fund for commodities, Dr Abdulai disclosed. This was in addition to individual contributions by OPEC nations to the

common fund, amounting to over \$16 million, he added.

The financial assistance by OPEC Fund has also helped to cover the subscriptions of the 35 least developed countries to the common fund's directly contributed capital.

The common fund was established last June in Vienna at UNCTAD's suggestion to assist least developed nations in facing shortages in basic food commodities and developing their agricultural and food production.

Dr Abdulai said that the OPEC Fund would like to have an observer status on the board of the common fund. As to when this would be done, he said, "as soon as they are ready to accept the application. May be this week or the next."

Oil exploration accords

JAKARTA, July 10, (OPECNA): Indonesia's Minister of Mines and Energy, Giandjar Kartasasmita, has said that the country is witnessing an upsurge of investment in the oil and gas sector.

He said that state oil company, Pertamina, had signed nine new exploration agreements with a number of foreign companies, whose presence reflected "a revival of investor interest in the oil sector" heralding a welcome increase in exploration activity.

The minister acknowledged that the improvement was due to a package of three policy deregulation programmes simplifying investment procedures and outlining incentives, all implemented in relatively quick succession from the announcement in August 1988 of the first set of measures. The third package linked the price of petroleum and natural gas to market conditions.

The number of contracts signed with foreign entities has risen from seven in 1987 to 10 in 1988 and 14 in 1989 so far. Seismic activity has also picked up from 27,730 km in 1987 to 45,059 in 1989. In addition, the number of exploration wells drilled has risen from 82 in 1987 to 135 in 1988 and will have reached 159 in 1989. Success ratios in wildcat drilling programmes and nudging an average of 45 per cent, according to Giandjar.

Pacific nations unite to seek driftnet fishing ban

TARAWA, Kiribati, July 10, (AP): Fifteen South Pacific nations today called for an international convention to stop Japan and Taiwan from using driftnets, enormous nets they said are depleting fish stocks and endangering their economic future.

The Pacific forum also decided to send Kiribati President Iremia Tabai to Tokyo to explain the concern of the South Pacific nations.

The 15-nation body also moved today to increase surveillance of each member's 200-mile (320-kilometre) economic zone, to prevent driftnet fishing.

The Pacific forum's 15 nations gave strong support to an Australian proposal at the opening session of the two-day South Pacific Forum, said Cook Islands Prime Minister Geoffrey Henry.

Pacific leaders were alarmed that drift-net or gillnet fishing, was ravaging fish stocks and endangering the region's important fishing industry, Henry said.

With stocks of Southern Pacific albacore tuna estimated to be exhausted in two years, the Pacific leaders recognised urgent action had to be taken.

He said New Zealand would host a conference on driftnet fishing in the near future at which a convention would be drafted on the banning of the technique in the South Pacific.

The forum will seek international support for the convention and may approach the United Nations, Henry said.

Pacific forum leaders particularly objected to Japan's refusal to end driftnet fishing or to negotiate a multilateral fishing treaty with the forum nations, Henry said.

Driftnets, stretching up to 31 miles (50 kilometres) long and 49 feet (15 metres) deep, are set adrift by fishing boats for later collection and trap and kill everything that tries to pass through the area.

The technique is designed to catch albacore tuna by their gills in the net's fine mesh. But fish researchers say it also cat-

ches vast number of dolphins, whales, seals, turtles, squid and other fish species.

Australian Prime Minister Robert Hawke told a news conference after the conference that driftnet fishing was "obviously unacceptable."

He said tuna was being caught at twice the sustainable yield in an area where many South Pacific island countries depend on fishing as their only resource.

"If they lose their fish resources, they have virtually lost everything," Hawke said.

The convention needs to be international in scope "because its no good ... trying to do something here and shifting the drifters to the Indian Ocean," the prime minister said.

"I think we ought to use all diplomatic pressure possible upon Japan and Taiwan to act sensibly in this matter," he said.

The South Pacific Forum includes Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, the Marshall

Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Western Samoa.

Australia and New Zealand have banned driftnet boats from their ports and threatened heavy fines and confiscation of boats and catch for any boats caught in their 200-mile (320 km) economic zone.

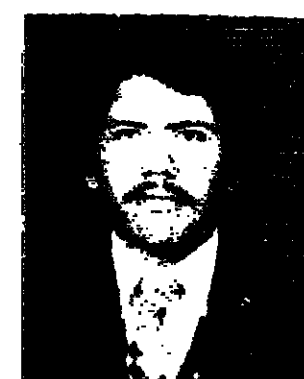
The Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) which co-ordinates surveillance and licensing of fishing in the waters of the forum nations estimates there are 160 boats in South Pacific, 30 of them from Japan. They began drift netting two years ago, according to FFA director Philipp Muller. They are taking 30 per cent of the fishing stock every season, he said.

In the North Pacific the FFA estimates there are up to 2,000 boats laying 24,800 miles (40,000 kilometres) of net a day.

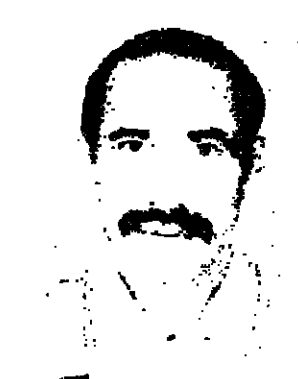
Japan and Taiwan have refused to stop using driftnets, saying there is no evidence to support claims they deplete fish stocks.

ABSCONDING

The following personnel employed with us have not reported for duty.



Abdul Rauf Abdul Sattar
Indian
Passport No. W 601294



Waheed Iqbal Kamal
Pakistani
Passport No. C 685050

They are still under our sponsorship & anybody employing them will be doing so at their own responsibility. Anybody knowing their whereabouts is requested to contact Mr. Ali Selsisse on Tel: 4846433 or inform nearest police station.

Increase of cargo at Jebel Ali port

RECENTLY released cargo statistics for Jebel Ali port up to May 1989 reveal a remarkable growth in comparison to the same period last year.

The largest increase in the container terminal was seen in the number of transshipment containers. The figure rose from a mere 242 TEU's for the first five months of 1988 to an impressive figure of 33,400 for the same period this year. This represents an incredible increase of over one thousand three hundred per cent. This increase is due to a change of transshipment ports for one of the major lines now serving Jebel Ali port.

Container imports rose nearly 400 per cent, from 4,782 TEU's in 1988 to 19,009 TEU's this year, while container exports saw a similar increase to 14,071 TEU's as opposed to 4,891 TEU's last year, a rise of over 280 per cent.

Commenting on the figures, Jebel Ali Free Zone Authority chairman Sultan Bin Sulayem said: "The facilities we have at Jebel Ali are unique. The combination of the world's largest man-made port and the Jebel Ali Free Zone, together with our strategic location and modern facilities, offers numerous advantages to ship-

ping lines, agents, manufacturers and traders.

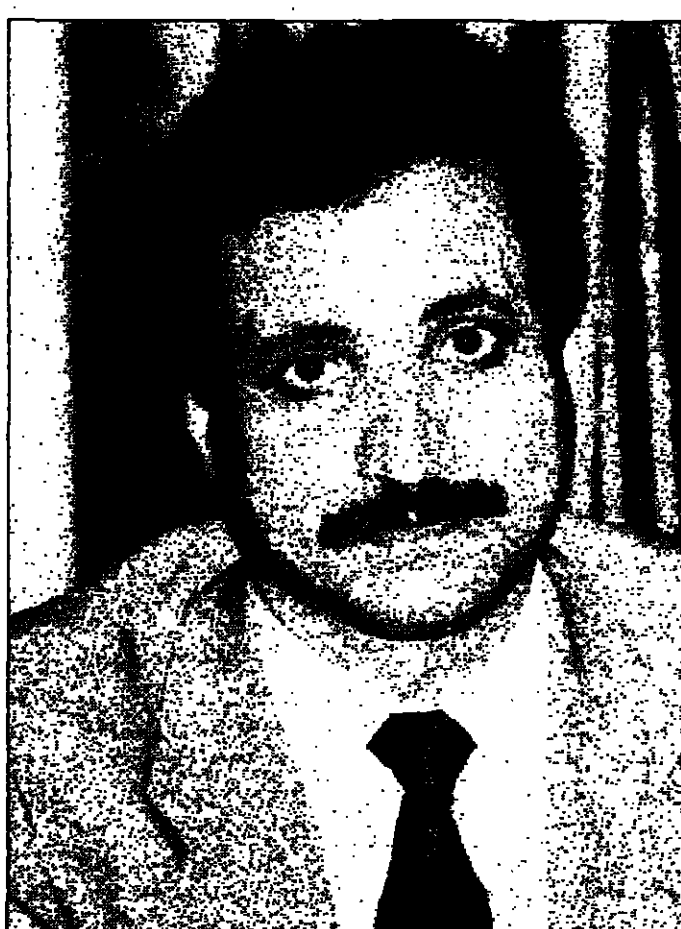
"But the growth we are witnessing now is only the start of Jebel Ali's presence beginning to be felt in the shipping world. Results are always a delayed result of marketing efforts of the past, and our current drives aimed at new sectors will result in equally impressive increases in the future."

Bin Sulayem also pointed out that the ever increasing number of manufacturing and distribution centres setting up in the Free Zone will have a snowball effect on shipping using the port and that the contract with Narmada Industries for \$83 million phosphate refinery will also have a tremendous impact.

In overall tonnage, the port handled almost exactly double the amount up to May this year as it did in 1988, increasing from 1,458,837 to 2,918,306 tons.

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.23 am
Zuhr	11.53
Asr	3.28 am
Maghreb	6.50
Isha	8.21



Sultan Bin Sulayem

Emirates launches Kuwait-Dubai service

EMIRATES, the award-winning international airline of the UAE, will launch a new service between Kuwait and Dubai on Sunday, July 16.

The twice-weekly flight, on Sundays and Mondays, will be operated by an Airbus A310. Passengers will be offered the choice of three classes: first, business and economy. Emirates' 15th destination following the signing of an air traffic and frequency agreement with Kuwait Airways.

The agreement gives Emirates the option of operating up to six flights a week and also gives both carriers the right to operate additional flights during peak travel periods. Kuwait Airways meanwhile will continue its present flight schedule to Dubai.

Announcing the introduction of the new service Deputy Managing Director of Emirates, Sultan Dhiyab Saqr

commented: "We will have another meeting with the Kuwaiti delegation in six months time to assess the situation. We will then evaluate the market and may either increase the flights or the number of seats."

The Kuwait service is the third destination to be added to Emirates' growing network this year. In March, the airline launched a twice-weekly service to Jeddah in Saudi Arabia and two months later, another twice-weekly service, this time to the Iranian port city of Bandar Abbas was brought on line.

Flight on both days will leave Dubai International Airport at 0820 and arrive in Kuwait at 0900. The return flight leaves Kuwait at 1000 and lands in Dubai at 1230.

This service brings the number of Emirates' flights per week to 128.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Arabic film
Al Sahm
Gragnet
Al Hamra
Raising Arizona
Al Firdos
Nafat Ki Aandhi
Starring: Dharmendra, Anita Raj
Drive-In
Arabic film
Fahadhel Open Air
Sachche Ka Bol Bala
Al Fahadhel
Wild Force
Al Jahra
Awaaz
Granada
Simon Peter Nin Aku
Al Sahm
No Time to Die
Al Jahra
Awaaz

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NIGHT CHEMIST

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Baghdad Pharmacy
Abdullah Al Salem Street
Al Salam Pharmacy
Mubarak Al Kaber Street
Hawalli and Nagra
Al Andalus Pharmacy
Hawalli, Tunis Street
Salmiya and Rumailiya
Al Feda Pharmacy
Al Khansa Street
Fahadhel and Almadi
Al Badya Pharmacy
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Al Hayat Pharmacy
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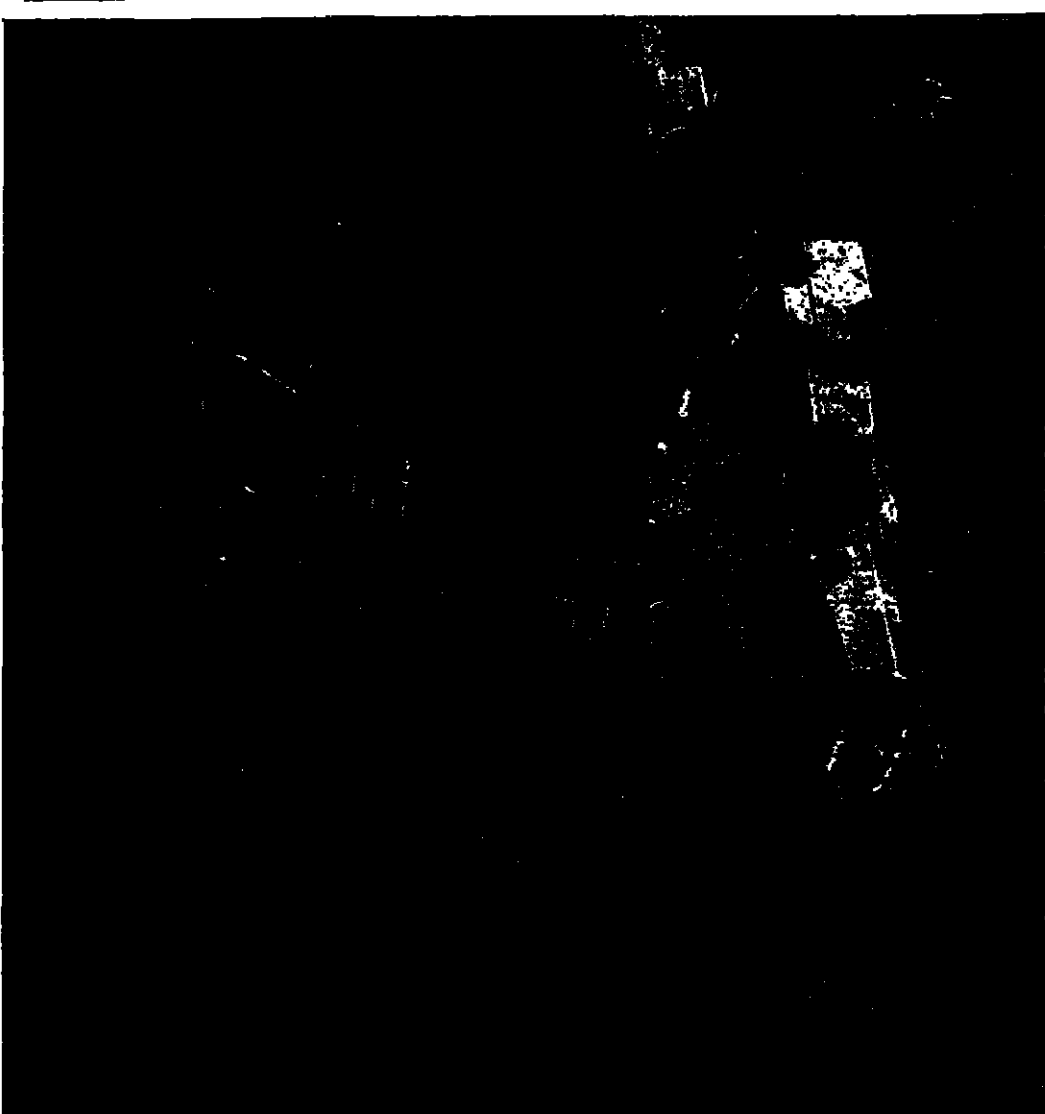
KTV 1

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.15 Sabah Al Khair News and variety
9.30 Cartoons
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
10.15 Al Hob Wa Estahar: Arabic serial (Part 4)
11.00 Sabah Al Khair News and variety
11.20 Al Nisr Wa Ayoun Al Madinah: Arabic serial (Part 20)
12.00 Sabah Al Khair News and variety
12.35 Cultural film
1.00 News Summary
1.05 The World Today via Satellite
1.30 Flouna: cartoon serial
2.00 Variety
2.15 Al Shams Baad Al Ghoyoub: Arabic serial (Part 7)
3.00 Mawsoot Al Sona Al Nabawiya: religious programme
3.30 Bibi Folk and Calimiro: cartoon serial
4.00 Robban Al Sahra: historical serial (Part 4)
5.45 Local Programme
7.30 Variety
9.00 News in Arabic
10.00 Al Taeh: daily Arabic serial (Part 4)
12.35 News Summary
1.00 The World Today via Satellite

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Amigo and Friends: cartoon series
6.30 Captain Power: The Captain and a soldier are injured with a lethal weapon, and the soldier is accused of arson.
7.00 The New Adventure of Bean Baxter: Benjamin Baxter, Bean's father, has been kidnapped. Tonight, Bean continues the search for his missing father.
8.00 News in English
8.30 Haj and Umra: a special programme, presented by Dr Abdul Monam.
9.00 A Different Life: set in a college hostel, it revolves around the love and life of college girls. Starring: Lisa Bonet.
9.40 Horizon: tonight's episode examines the role of instinct in

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES



A scene from Captain Power on KTV 2 at 6.30 pm today

animal behaviour.
10.30 Movie Classics: "Captain Blood," 1935. Starring: Errol Flynn, Olivia de Havilland. Exciting adaptation of the Sabatini adventure story. This was Flynn's first major starring picture and he was welcomed by both critics and fans. A top drawer pirate tale. Director: Michael Curtiz. Duration: 99 minutes.
12.00 News Summary: Magazine D'Actualite; Holy Quran/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.



A poster of New Adventures of Beans Baxter on KTV 2 at 7.30 pm today.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Sadu House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon, 4 to 7.00 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

Tareq Rajab Museum
Sat-Thurs: 9-12 noon and 4-7 pm. Also open on Fridays from 9 to 12 noon.

SOCIAL

Red and Black Nite
THE Red and Black Nite will be held on July 12, and not July 11 as previously announced. Raveen Tangri of the Weekend said the venue will not change. It will be held in the Sheikhha Ballroom, Regency Palace Hotel. Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers and Stepping Stones in attendance. Highlights: selection of Red and Black couple, original costume and live contest. For reservations call Hilary - 5741380; Julio - 5734513; Mercedes - 4890566; Raveen - 2401803/804.

British Council
JULY 19, (6 pm), July 20 (10.30 am). The Magical World of Gogi, a children's film, will be shown at the British Council premises in Mansouriya. It is the story of Princess Gogi who lives in the Kingdom of Fairyland. She is sent to Earth and with her magic wand, she transforms herself into a super-girl to make people's dreams come true.
July 22, July 23 (6.30 pm): This month's feature film is An Englishman Abroad. Based by Alan Bennett on the real-life meeting between Burgess and Coral Browne, filmed on location in London, Glasgow, Dundee. Alan Bates is Burgess. Admission is free for both movies but it is advisable to

reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 253-3204; 253-3227.

Bangladesh Association
JULY 21: The association invites all Bangladeshis to join the Bangladesh Library as founder/life members. Those who are interested can contact any executive member of the association on July 21 from 6 to 8 pm at the embassy premises. A meeting will be held at the embassy premises on August 4 to discuss the formation of the library.

United Goans
AUG 3: Summerbelle '89 is about to happen. United Goans Centre present "Top Ranks and Stepping Stones" in a music/satirical evening at the Tent SAS Hotel. Crowning of Summerbelle, various competitions, etc. to keep you on your toes. For details contact: Moses 2454266, Joe 5655140. Amicet 2439249 after 6 pm.

KAPILKU Children's Contest
AUGUST 11: KAPILKU will hold the Little Mr and Ms Philippines. Kuwait, contest at Showbiz Pizza place, Salmiya. This coincides with Araw ng Mga Bata (Children's Day). Last date for submitting entries is July 28. For details contact: Jojo Medrano, AVP, welfare and special projects, VCP Rosafe Austria or VP Sarah Macarimbang - Tel: 483447.

Farewell pictures
Photographs taken at the farewell reception for outgoing Indian Ambassador N.N. Jha, organised by the Indian community, are available from Sami Farooqi. Those who are interested in getting a copy of their contact Tel: 2446489.

Kapilku Children's Contest
AUGUST 18: Kapilku will hold the Little Mr and Ms Philippines. Kuwait, contest at Kuwait Plaza Hotel. This coincides with Araw ng Mga Bata (Children's Day). Last date for submitting entries is July 28. For details contact: Jojo Medrano, AVP, welfare and special projects, VCP Rosafe Austria or VP Sarah Macarimbang - Tel: 483447.

Tivim Centre
OCT. 26: Tivim Centre's Breeze 89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam Hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones

will provide scintillating music. Lot of surprises await. For further information contact the organisers.

Eid Prayers
THE Bangladesh Association will hold the Eid Al Adha prayers at the Bangladesh embassy at 7 am. All Bangladeshis are invited.

D'Assisi Social Evening
AUG 1: D'Assisi Association will hold their social evening at the Messiah Beach Hotel. The highlights of the evening will be the crowning of D'Assisi Queen. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will provide the music. For more information contact Joe Jack Ferns on 5644178. Henry 3717346 or contact A.M. Finey Armet, Shop No. 34, Al Karak Super Market, near GPO, Kuwait.

HOTELS

At the Kuwait Plaza
Enjoy the fun; join the celebration of fun and games every Friday at Al Dallah coffee shop where you enjoy all kinds of delicious food. Continental dishes, mezzah, special sweets and Arabic ice-cream. A unique ambience with the most celebrated magician in town. A gift for every child. Fun for the whole family with Walt Disney characters. KD3,000 per child, KD4,500 per adult.

Loulwah corner: Featuring delights of Arabic ice-cream with nine different flavours specially made for the Kuwait Plaza by Syrian experts. Also offers jumbo size of all sorts of sandwiches ranging from the famous Lebanese 'torrouj', chicken with garlic to steak sandwiches with the Plaza special touch. The famous oud player Fawzi Jamal who sings the best of the good old days songs. A special 4 course lunch for only KD2,500.
Marco Polo: Enjoy the authentic Italian atmosphere which makes you feel that you are in the heart of Rome. Taste the real Italian lasagne and spaghetti with the largest size of pizza and savour your favourite Italian dishes while you are listening to Stan and Alice, the famous duo in town.

At the Kuwait International
A 3-DAY Eid Programme presents:
La Palma: Extensive Lebanese mezzah, Oriental and Continental cuisine. Open for lunch and dinner. Ext 8166.
Failaka: The rooftop res-

taurant presents a celebration menu. Promises to be a gourmet's delight. Open for dinner only. Ext 8012.

La Patisserie: Will serve mouthwatering snacks and exotic juices. Eid takeaway cookies on sale. Ext 8014.

At the SAS
WELCOME on board Al Boom. Dine on our delicious mezzah buffet followed by your favourite speciality from our wide selection of fine charcoal grills and finish off with della coffee or have a puff from the bubble bubble/puff. Dinner daily and lunch every Thursday and Friday. For reservation, call 5657000 ext 403 or 540.

At the Meridian
UNTIL July 31: Ice cream promotion at Al Waha Restaurant in the Salmiya Complex.

At the Ramada Hotel
EL BENDAR coffee shop at the Ramada Hotel offers continental and Arabic buffets daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 mid night daily, a la carte also available. A selection of home baked cakes, gateaux and tarts made to order.

Ramada Al Salam lobby
lounge open 10 am to 11 pm on Sundays offering a selection of coffee, tea and juice, cakes and pastries available.

At the Meridian
HOTEL Meridian Kuwait features special weekly promotion at La Brasserie restaurant: Asian Corner every Saturday, Monday and Wednesday. A wide variety of Asian dishes, in addition to the regular buffet, will be featured. Tempura, fried noodles, etc., are prepared in front of the guests and served on the spot.

Mexican Night every Sunday: Discover the delight of Mexican cuisine awaiting you in our 'Little Mexico'.

Greek Tavern every Tuesday: Experience authentic Greek ambience and food with live Bouzouki music and wide variety of mezzah.

Enjoy an evening of foot tappin' fun every Thursday: Remy and Tony's jam session in La Brasserie.

Family day every Friday: Enjoy a day with your family. La Brasserie offers a wide array of Oriental favourites along with live music, entertainment, and a magician to thrill the little ones and many other games for the children.

At the Messiah Beach
AL MUBARAKIAH, the only 24 hour restaurant in Kuwait, offers a full spectrum of local and Continental specialities with daily buffet for breakfast, lunch and dinner plus a la carte menu.

Al-Jawharah Super Night Club: Live entertainment by the resident "Rainbow" band with extensive a la carte menu on Wednesdays and special buffet on Thursdays.

Al-Berdowneh beach garden restaurant open daily Sunday to Friday offering a variety of succulent charcoal grills, Lebanese mezza, freshly baked Markouk bread and Hubble Bubble.

SPORTS

Keep Fit
AQUAFITNESS, judo, karate and taekwondo classes at the Kuwait International. Ladies keep fit sessions three times a week at La Palma Fitness Centre after which free use of the pool is invited. Barbecue lunch every Friday afternoon by the Garden Pool. Tennis coaching available. Summer courses for swimming upto July 26. Individual lessons also available. Details with Paul Woodland or Vivienne Buck: 2530000/2533000 ext 8050.

World Gold Council opens office in Dubai

WORLD Gold Council (WGC) has opened a representative office in Dubai, at the Dubai Trade Centre. Andre Bisang, director, is in charge of its operations in the Middle East including all the GCC countries. The importance of the Gulf markets in general and Dubai in particular is the main reason for the World Gold Council's presence here.

The World Gold Council is a non-profit association of mining companies drawn from gold producing countries around the world. Its primary purpose is the promotion of the use of gold in each of the major end markets for gold viz. jewellery, investment and industry. The membership of the council is 74 gold producing companies from eight countries. It is headquartered in Geneva and has experienced management and staff offices in Hong Kong, Tokyo, London, Milan, Munich, Paris, New York, Rio de Janeiro and now in Dubai.



Andre Bisang

The Council's principle focus backed by a multi-million dollar annual budget is to promote the use of gold for jewellery, investment and industrial applications. The greatest emphasis is on jewellery which, over the past

10 years, has absorbed more than half the gold supplied annually to world markets. As may be recalled, there has been a lot of advertising activity recently by World Gold Council in promoting gold bars as jewellery. Considerable atten-

tion is also given to expanding investment demand for gold and to researching and developing industrial uses for the metal.

The council's presence in Dubai is a boon to the gold trade and industry. They can now freely avail of the council's expertise in all areas regarding gold, as well as seek advice on any specific issues. World Gold Council is always there to lend a helping hand should the need arise. Professional investment managers distribute information and advice to institutional and private investors.

Organised in close co-operation with the trade, World Gold Council programmes aim at increasing gold demand by launching and supporting new products like legal tender coins, gold accumulation plans, gold certificates etc.

World Gold Council is always on the lookout for new avenues to promote the demand for gold.

● All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

0600 News
0700 News Summary followed by Outlook
0800 News
0900 British Press Review
1000 News
1100 World News
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Brooke Shields resumes her career after college

22 years in Hollywood

By David Lewin

BROOKE SHIELDS found modelling fame at the age of one and took on her first film role at 12 as an infant prostitute in *Pretty Baby*.

Now, at 23, she is the principal asset of Brooke Shields and Company, which grosses a million dollars plus per year.

Her latest film *Brenda Starr*, co-starring Timothy Dalton, opens in London soon. In it she plays a cartoon character come to life.

She has to be beautiful, ever-youthful, fashion-conscious and professionally indefatigable. She succeeds too.

With 22 of her 23 years spent surrounded by the glitz and gaudiness of Hollywood, you could reasonably expect Brooke to be a mess.

You would be wrong. Ms Shields is self-possessed, a dark-haired, grey-eyed beauty wrapped up in a 5ft 10 1/2 in frame. She is soon to make her music debut with her first record. She has her opinions — and voices them.

Brooke has never been unemployed except when she was studying for her degree in French Literature at America's Princeton University.

As I found out when we met in the south of France, her French is near perfect.

Could she cope with failure, I asked? "I don't think of it in those terms," she said. "Failure is when you actually do something and you, in yourself, consider it hasn't worked. That is failure."

"It is not succeeding to what you consider to be your potential. So if I chose not to work, I wouldn't see that as failure."

"I could be making many different movies all the time and I consider it a strength to be able to say 'no'."

Luckily

Luckily for filmgoers, she hasn't said no to all of them. The *Blue Lagoon* was one of her big hits.

In *Brenda Starr* she is glamorous and voluptuous. She doesn't see herself like that at all.

"When I look in the mirror I don't see what everybody else does," she said. "I consider myself rather athletic but not glamorous. I am much simpler than that."

"Glamour means spending hours on yourself and I don't do that. But I guess I have got some of my parts because of my looks, so they must contribute something."

"I hesitate talking about it because it is a projection of me by other people. You don't ask to become what others perceive of you. They magnify some things you don't feel or see."

Perhaps as a result, Brooke Shields doesn't accept that her career started in 'hot' parts such as the infant prostitute. "They are roles that other people have chosen deliberately to focus on," she said. "Some of my other parts haven't been as celebrated. My focus now after college is on my career. I don't have any

other focus than that."

I noticed that on the third finger of her left hand she was wearing a ring. Did it have any significance?

It comes from a film," she said. "Boyfriends are another story. They require more attention than I am willing to give them. They realise that. I don't mean that in a hard way."

"I try to tell them that basically I can't be the person that I'd like to be with them because at this moment it means giving them more time than I choose to spend. It is a matter of choice if you really think about it. I don't choose to focus on that at the moment. I will — but not now."

Men

The young men she has been seen with include Michael Jackson ("He knows that I like him for what he is") and John Travolta ("He needs an older woman to take care of him").

Brooke Shields has been in love only once. With a boy at college for three years. "It was sad for what was wonderful to be over," she said. "But we have maintained a friendship. I made sure of that."

Who broke it off, I asked. "I did," she said.

"At the beginning when you fall in love you realise that the person in your life becomes more important than you are. You focus on what he would like. You do this before you start to think about yourself."

"Then it becomes shared, it is equal and you realise 'Oh God, it is not just me, it is me and someone else.' When that happened I realised I was in love for that period of my life."

"In the end, I didn't fall out of love — there were just other things that had to be done. The situation changed. It wasn't the first priority."

She is equally clear about growing up with her mother, Teri, but not her father. Her parents divorced and her father, Frank, remarried and now has a family of three by his second wife.

"He is very uninterested in my career," she said. "I see my father when I am at home, but if I had grown up with him it would have been far more limiting for me."

He is not in films. He is in executive recruitment: a high class headhunter. With my mom, I had the freedom to travel. We were like room-mates, friends rather than mom and daughter."

We could pack up and go wherever we wanted. I never missed school but we had the sense of being a team."

"Unfortunately for her, but very fortunately for me, she could focus her attention on me without having to split that attention with her husband."

Teri is now Brooke's manager.

"Would I make that choice of growing up again? Definitely, yes. For many reasons."

"It has given me a real appreciation of

everything that I have — monetary or not."

"It has given me a sense of the network of the world in which I work. I have seen it all from such an early age that very little traumatises me."

"By that I mean the pain that very often accompanies this industry does not affect me so shockingly."

Pain

"The pain has been in constant small doses all my life, but I am in no great pain at the moment. I have learned to protect myself against the little jabs."

"But I have seen young kids reach instant stardom at 18 or 19 when they can't grapple with their own growth. Then they completely fall apart because of the business pressures on their lives."

"Any kind of stardom in any walk of life does that. But the experience doesn't go to my head because I have had it for so long. I appreciate the process more than the result."

I appreciate the actual hard work that goes into making a movie more than the opening night. The first night is the perk."

"But many kids who are yuppies with very wealthy families, are given a great deal of money at a young age and they don't have any work ethic at all. And that is when playtime comes in and they get into drugs and drink and sex and anything."

Drugs are an unfortunate trap because they are so very seductive. They think they are so very glamorous and fun and they aren't."

Music

"I get my highs from music and working out every morning and being with people whom you really like. Why do stupid things? And alcohol makes me sick."

Brooke Shields is highly intelligent, but not hard. "This shell remains rather thin," she said. "I am sensitive to a lot but I am not shocked by what happens. I just say 'OK — there goes that' or 'So this is going to happen now'."

"I do cry — very often. I am not a cry baby but I cry a lot when I get moved by people or things."

"Last night I went to a restaurant with my mom and the young woman waiting on table was a kind of tough girl. She was about 27 or 28 and her father was a fisherman who owned the restaurant."

"There was something genuinely sad about her. She asked where I came from and I said New York (it is New Jersey really, but that would have been confusing) and she asked me if I would send her a postcard when I got back."

"She said she had postcards from Miami in the States but never from New York and she had never been there."

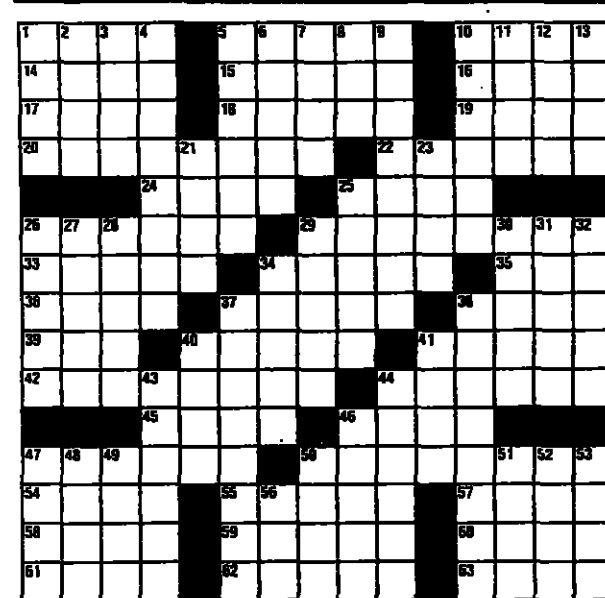
"I said I would and that made her so happy that I got so choked up and afterwards I cried."

But today there are no tears from Ms Shields, super-rich, superstar.



Brooke Shields: "Failure is when you actually do something and you, in yourself, consider it hasn't worked. That is failure."

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Ascend
 - 5 Embrace
 - 10 Flat's cleaner
 - 14 — de Cologne
 - 15 Coin of India
 - 16 Open-weave cloth
 - 17 Being: Lat.
 - 18 Close by, to a poet
 - 19 Seaweed
 - 20 High rating in Michelin
 - 22 Indian
 - 24 Fan follower
 - 25 Brian —, Irish king
 - 26 Cruel
 - 29 Warning to a waiting crowd
 - 33 Composure
 - 34 One time senator from Idaho
 - 35 Mineral spring
 - 36 — Stanley Gardner
 - 37 Tourist stop
 - 38 — Canal
 - 39 Twit, to a Brit
 - 40 More rational
 - 41 Laminated rock
 - 42 Sneaking
 - 44 More of
 - 45 Inlets
 - 46 Sweet sop
 - 47 Make cognizant
 - 50 Order for lightly-fried eggs
 - 54 "A Star Is —"
 - 55 Kate's friend
 - 57 Geological division
 - 58 Spooky lake?
 - 59 Splendid
 - 60 Veronica of the movies
 - 61 Yule, for short
- DOWN**
- 1 Reduce the sail area
 - 2 Goddess of healing
 - 3 People of Mali and New Guinea
 - 4 Annoy, cause anxiety
 - 5 Boxed
 - 6 Crescent-shaped
 - 7 Copycat
 - 8 More of
 - 9 Private
 - 10 Refuse to spill the beans
 - 11 Tiller
 - 12 Heavenly being: Fr.
 - 13 Lion's cry
 - 21 — qua non
 - 23 One of the Norms
 - 25 Auger
 - 26 Overtum
 - 27 Type of waterwheel
 - 28 Highlanders' garb
 - 29 Lavishes affection
 - 30 Customary
 - 31 Incantation
 - 32 Fogs or vapors
 - 34 Ties
 - 37 — quite contrary
 - 38 Beginning of a tongue twister
 - 40 River to the Mosel
 - 41 British actor
 - 42 Antony
 - 43 Certain steaks
 - 44 Hardens
 - 46 Of birds
 - 47 Wild goat
 - 48 Mailer, to friends
 - 49 Norse goddess
 - 50 Gymnast Korbust
 - 51 Indian nurse
 - 52 H. H. Munro
 - 53 River to the North Sea
 - 56 Poe's Annabel

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

CHAMP MUSH IBIS
RUMOR ARTY BUNT
AMITGA TARE ONCE
GONEY ISLAND NAP
KRONEN DAISY
ECHO PLED TROUT
LIAR TOTEM IPSO
ARRAS BELA ASEA
TEETH RAJA
BEANS OCEANS
BAR WELSH RABBIT
AGAR VALE COATI
TRID EVER INTER
HAND REDO AYERS

GOVERN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
MAKING SOMEONE'S HOLIDAY HAPPY

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 3 8 4
♥ A 8 7 5 3
♦ 4
♣ 10 7 6 4

WEST
♠ A 10 9 3 2
♥ J
♦ Q 10 8 6 2
♣ 5 2

EAST
♠ K 6 5
♥ 10 9 4 2
♦ K J 9 5 3
♣ 8

SOUTH
♠ Q 7
♥ K Q 6
♦ A 7
♣ A K Q J 9 3

The bidding:
South West North East
2 NT Pass 3 ♦ Pass
4 ♥ Pass Pass Pass
Opening lead: Six of ♦

When the defenders have a master trump, it is often correct to ignore it and go about your business. But paying blind observance to any bit of wisdom can spread good cheer among the enemy, as this hand proves.

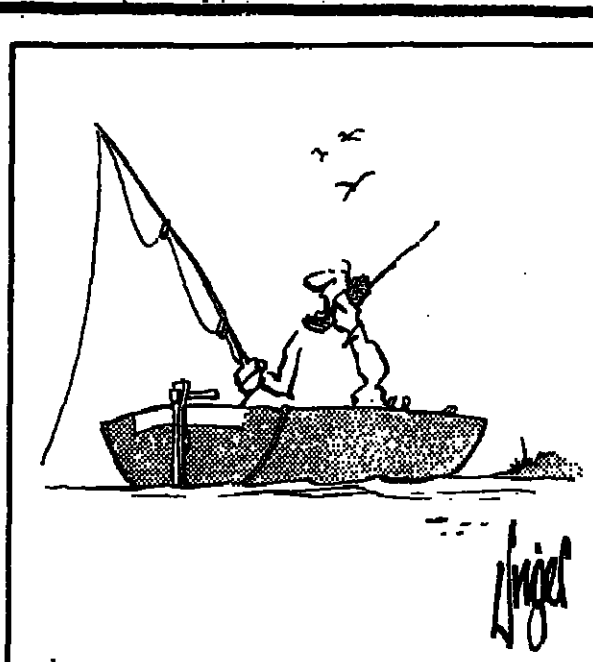
South's hand was not quite strong enough for an opening bid of two clubs, but too powerful for a mere one-bid. His decision to open two no trump was a practical solution to a difficult problem. North trans-

ferred into hearts, and South showed his excellent fit by jumping to game.

West led his fourth-best diamond, and East made the "discovery" play of the jack. Since West wasn't leading away from the ace into the teeth of such a strong hand, the play of the queen — a factor that could be of critical importance to the defense. When declarer won the ace, West was marked with the diamond queen.

Now declarer made a fatal error. He cashed the king and queen of trumps, noting the break, then continued with the ace before abandoning the suit and starting on clubs. East patiently discarded three diamonds and waited to ruff the fourth club, then exited with his remaining diamond. Declarer was locked in dummy with no way to reach the two good clubs in his hand. When he was forced to break spades, it required no more than ordinary care by the defense to collect three tricks in the suit.

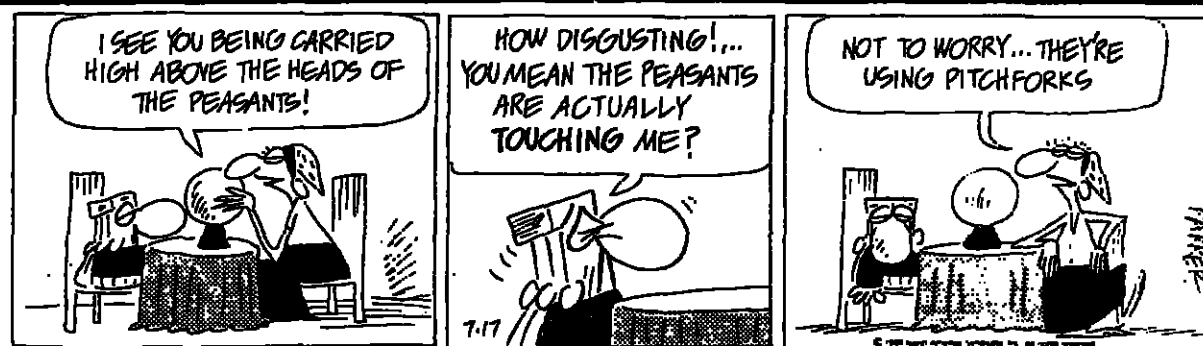
Declarer had a baby play to make his contract. After drawing the third trump he should simply have given East his heart trick. The defenders would then have to cash their trumps to prevent an overtrick.



"I'll call you back in a couple of days. I'm pretty busy right now."

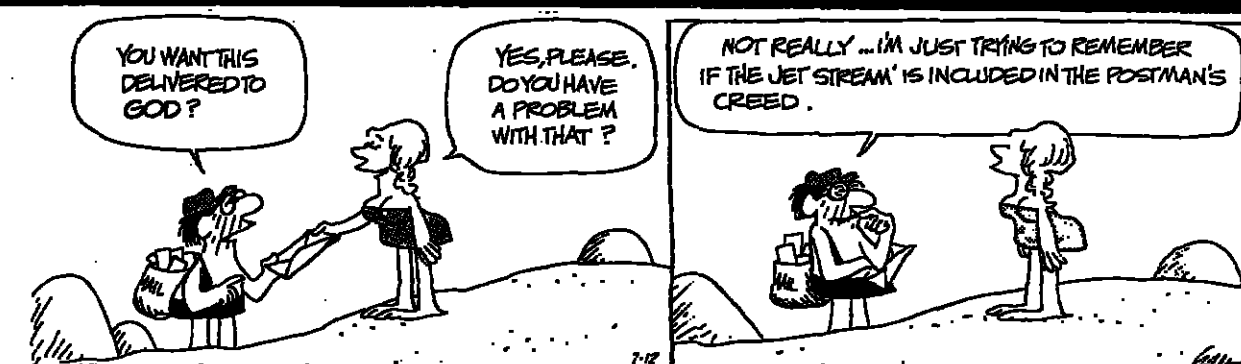
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

Aries (March 20 - April 18)
If you have not had much luck lately things will begin to improve for you. However, this is still no time to take undue risks. Some unusual factors must be taken into account. Be considerate.

Taurus (April 19 - May 19)
You are rather too likely to believe what you would like to be. If you do not give love you may well end up not receiving any. Make a few more allowances. Be fair.

Gemini (May 20 - June 20)
You are all too liable to miscalculate and should always check your figures. Do not expect too much from others. And do not take too much for granted either. Be credible.

Cancer (June 21 - July 21)
Do you always expect people to do you a favour without anything in return. Do not be improvident with other people's no more than with your money. Take your time but do not dally or dither. Be moderate.

Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)
You will have a lot to do and will find little enough time to do it. However, if you persevere and do not hesitate you will get most of it done. Rely more on yourself than on others. Be reliable.

Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)
An amount you had expected may be delayed and you should not spend it until it is actually in your hands. You are liable to take something told to you as a joke seriously.

Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)
You are too liable to do things on the spur of the moment. Instead think again before you act. Do not take too much for granted. Listen carefully to what others are saying. Be less aggressive.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)
You are all too liable to believe that what you would like to be is. Make sure you do not keep others waiting. Do not try to take the credit for something you have not done. Be obliging.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)
You are all too liable to make mistakes and should be on the lookout for them. If you need to borrow money do not forget the high interest charges. Do not expect something or nothing. Be careful.

Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)
You will have more to do than you can possibly cope with and should do what is most important first. Make sure you do not do anything that would be injurious to your health. If you make a promise, keep it. Be sincere.

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)
You will be able to set your children a good example. Your lucky numbers are 20 and 39. You should make sure your facts are up to date. And remember, different devices require different methods.

Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)
Beware of schemes that promise 'easy' money, there's no such thing. Make sure you do not believe all you hear. Have a good laugh, but not at someone else's expense. Be confident.

New generations of plants

LIKE all living things plants are born, reproduce themselves, and die. Plants reproduce in one of two main ways. Lowly plants such as fungi, mosses, and ferns reproduce by scattering dust-like spores which grow into new plants. Flowering plants and conifers reproduce by seeds. Flowering plants have male and female sex cells in their flowers. The male cells fertilize the female cells. The fertilized cell grows into an embryo inside a seed. When the seeds scatter on the ground they germinate and grow into new plants.

Parts of flowers

The male reproductive organ of a flower is the stamen. The stamen is made up of two parts, the anther and its slender stalk, or filament. The anther holds a collection of pollen grains which contain the male sex cells.

The carpel is the complete female reproductive organ. It consists of the ovary and the stigma. The latter has a flat surface, often slightly sticky, for receiving pollen grains. It

is often carried on the end of a stalk, or style. Some flowers have more than one carpel. The ovary, at the base of the flower, contains the ovules, where the female sex cells are formed.

Transferring the pollen

The transfer of pollen from an anther to a stigma is called pollination. It is normally effected by wind or by insects. But in tropical countries some plants are pollinated by bats and birds.

The new generation of plants will be stronger and healthier if the pollen of one flower is transferred to the stigma of another (cross-pollination). If pollen is transferred to the stigma of the same flower for several generations, the resulting plants will be 'inbred' and weak. To avoid this self-pollination, some flowers produce male and female organs at different times. Others have structures which

make it impossible for the pollen to reach the stigma of its own flower. Some plants carry male and female organs in separate flowers, and in some cases these flowers are on different plants.

Grasses are typical examples of wind-pollinated plants. Their flowers are dull in colour and they have long, hanging stamens. When the anthers are ripe, they release thousands of pollen grains into the air. The pollen grains are carried through the air by the wind. Some of them land on the feathery stigmas of other grass plants.

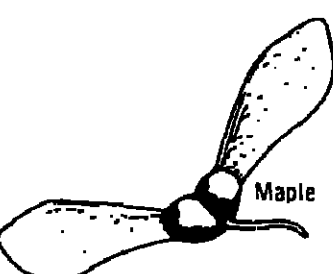
Insect-pollinated plants normally have brightly coloured petals and sweet nectar to attract insects. Some plants have relatively simple pollinating mechanisms. Primrose form two kinds of flowers. One kind, called a 'pin-eyed' flower, has a long style, and its anthers are well below the stigma. The other kind, the 'thrum-eyed' flower, has anthers far above the stigma; which is carried on a short style. An insect visiting a 'pin-eyed' flower picks up pollen on the front part of its tongue. When it moves on to a 'thrum-eyed' flower this pollen brushes off on to the stigma. This process works equally well the other way round. An insect picks up pollen from a 'thrum-eyed' flower on the top end of its tongue and then accidentally brushes it off on to the stigma of a 'pin-eyed' flower.

The garden pansy has a more complicated mechanism. When an insect visits the flower, it pushes open a flap, and exposes the stigma. Any pollen on its body will be brushed off on to the stigma. As the insect moves farther into the flower to reach the nectar, it picks up pollen from the stamens. When it leaves the flower, the flap closes and covers the stigma. This prevents the pollen that the insect has just picked up from being brushed on to the stigma.

Fruits and seeds
Once attached to the stigma, the pollen grain splits open and begins to develop a long tube. This grows down through the style and ovary until it reaches the ovule. The nucleus from the male cell then travels down the tube and fertilized cell then starts to grow into an embryo. Inside the ovule a food store called the endosperm also develops. The two together make up the seed, the endosperm feeding the embryo. As the seed gradually swells, a hard covering, the testa, forms on the outside.

A plant may produce one or more seeds inside its ovary. As the seeds begin to form, the wall of the ovary forms a fruit of the tomato. Many plants, such as the hazel, have hard fruits.

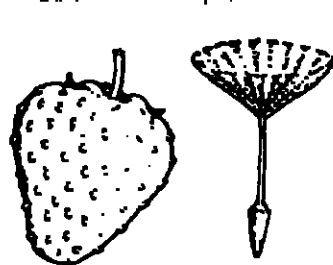
Dispersing the seeds
If all the seeds from one plant simply dropped to the ground, the area around the parent plant would soon become impossibly crowded, and none would thrive. The species, too, might suffer; for any species is more likely to survive if it is spread



Maple



Burdock



Strawberry



Dandelion

The plumed fruit of the dandelion (top) and the winged fruit of the maple are both scattered by the wind. The burr of the burdock is clothed with numerous tiny hooks which hook into animal fur. The seeds inside the burr are gradually shaken out as the animal moves about. Strawberry seeds are scattered by animals which eat the juicy flesh and spit out the seeds.

over a wide area. Plants have evolved a number of ways of dispersing their seeds as far away as possible.

Some plants have 'explosive' mechanisms, which propel the seeds away from the plant, often with some violence. The seeds are normally contained in a pod or capsule.

As the pod dries out, tension builds up in its fibres. At a certain point, the capsule bursts open and the seeds are forced out.

The poppy capsule is more gentle. When ripe, it has a number of small holes around the top — rather like a pepper pot. The seeds are gradually shaken out of the capsule as it sways in the wind. The small, light seeds are carried several metres before they reach the ground.

Wind plays a large part in seed dispersal. Some seeds have special adaptations. The fruit of a dandelion has a small, fluffy 'parachute' attached to one end. Wafted by the wind, they may be carried vast distances.

Some fruits have 'wings'. The sycamore produces two fruits joined together, and part of each fruit forms a 'wing'. When the fruits drop off the tree, the wings work like the blades of a helicopter. The fruits spin slowly to the ground some way from the tree.

Animals, too, help to disperse seeds and fruits. Burrs are fruits that are covered in tiny hooks. These catch on to the fur of an animal, and are carried far and wide before dropping off. Many fruits are attractive and good to eat. Birds especially like to feed on them. Often seeds pass straight through an animal undamaged and take root where the animal drops them. Sometimes seeds are planted by animals. Squirrels, for instance, usually forget where they buried their nuts. Although most seeds are

tough, few are strong enough to survive in water. One notable exception is the coconut. The tough outer layers of the fruit keep out water, and an air-space inside enables it to float. Buoyed up by the waves, the coconut may cross the open sea from island to island.

The new generation

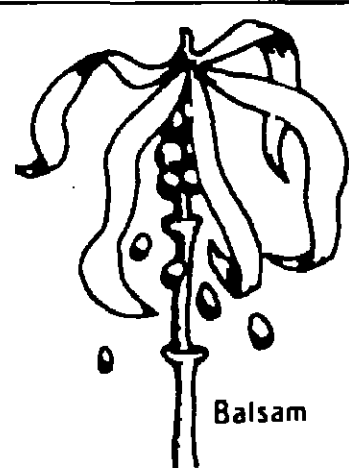
Seeds generally lie dormant (inactive) during the winter. Germination, the development of a seed into a small plant, or seedling, begins in the spring.

When the ground gets warmer, water seeps through the testa. The contents of the seed swell, and the embryo starts to grow. The seed puts out a small root, or radicle, which grows down into the soil. Then the shoot, or plumule, begins to grow pushing its way up towards the light.

Some plants have two 'seed-leaves', or cotyledons (Dicotyledons), others (Monocotyledons) have only one seed-leaf. In some seeds, such as the broad bean, these remain beneath the ground. They contain the food store (endosperm), and for a while they supply the seedling with food. In other seeds, such as the sunflower, they are pushed up above the soil. When the food supply has been used up, they begin photosynthesis supplying the seedling with food until the shoot develops leaves of its own.

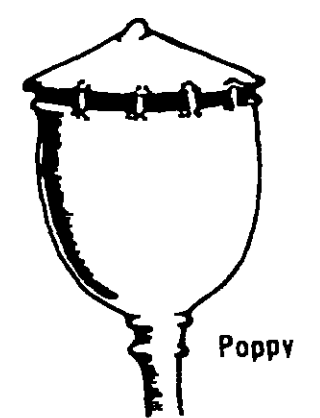
New plants from old

Many plants can produce new plants without the aid of flowers. This way of producing a new individual is called asexual



Balsam

The fruits of the balsam split open and throw out their seeds when they are touched. This has given the plant the alternative name of 'touch-me-not'. The poppy capsule (bottom) throws its seeds out through small holes around the cap.



Poppy

reproduction, or vegetative reproduction. When male and female sex cells are involved, the process is known as sexual reproduction.

One of the simplest kinds of asexual reproduction occurs in bryophyllum, a popular houseplant. Along the edges of the leaves of this plant tiny plantlets are produced. These look like very small versions of the adult plant. Eventually they develop roots, fall off, and start to grow into full-sized plants.



A bee gathering nectar and pollen from a flower. While gathering these foods, the bee unwittingly brushes pollen from one flower on to the stigmas of another. This is the act of pollination and the flower can then go on to produce its seeds.

Dear Junior Readers,

Escalators are very attractive, they make going up and down easy, with no energy required to get to the desired destination. Some of you with wild imagination may also find other uses.

I'm sure (if you have not yet personally tried), that you have seen many children of your age playing games on these magical stairs. They may stand politely as the escalator reaches the top and then turn to the descending escalator and go down again.

This is not too dangerous as long as they are careful when getting on and getting off.

However, many children may begin to ascend on an escalator but then decide that they want to play downstairs so they turn round and quickly run down the stairs to get to the bottom (the escalator is ascending, remember!) This, they discover, is fun so again the child will go up and then run down or vice versa.

Another common game is to sit on one of the steps and watch the world below gradually become smaller and smaller (or bigger and bigger).

Both kinds of behaviour are extremely dangerous. An escalator is a machine with no mind and with nobody directly watching over it. Accidents often happen with machines when misused and playing on an escalator is misusing it!

In fact, a few days ago, a little boy of three had a terrible accident on an escalator at Kuwait airport. The child managed to get his hand and clothes caught in the escalator's circulation resulting in deep cuts in his hands and on his bottom. All of the cuts needed stitches.

So next time you are tempted to have a little fun on the moving staircases, remember the consequences! Mand.

Young poet

Love or something else? The call of beauty

What's our love dear
with so much distance that fears?
Do they really say
that distance makes the heart grow fonder?
But love,
when will you come and make love to me yonder?
I crave for your touch,
and your love and your stolen kisses
I am starved of these wishes.

I feel you, love, touch me
and you whisper to me.
You tell me I'm yours,
for eternity.

Hide me, love, from evil eyes.
Let me be your sweet little wife.
Caress me like you have never before,
and love me to your core.

Shaheen Shaikh,
Dadar,
Bombay.

Where the sun shines and the wind blows,
I sing along, as the earth glows.

The winter's chill, the summer's heat,
match along with my heartbeat.

The showers of rain, the green trees tall,
the dancing air, I hear them call!

To see them go beneath my eyes,
I bare no more, my pain is in disguise.

The beauty of sand; the rays that fall,
come gliding in my eyes, and in my ears I hear the call

"Oh save my trees"
"and save my earth"
"save my planet"
"and save my birth"

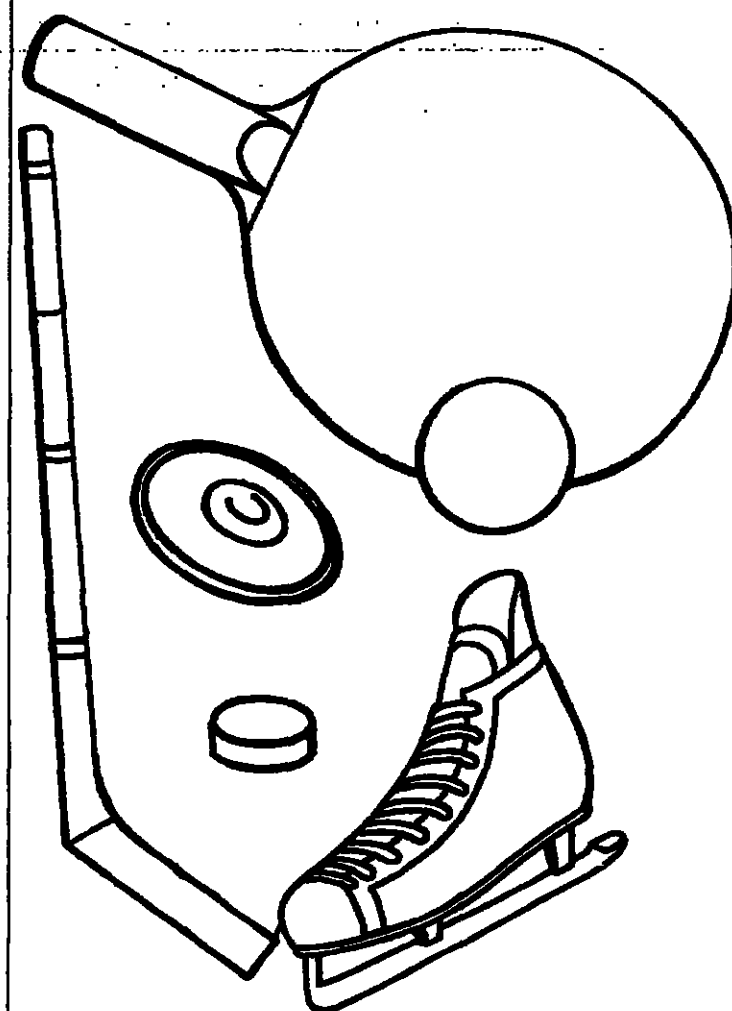
The call is for you, the call is for me.
So come along and work with glee!



Amina Reza,
Indian School,
Sahmyah.

Colouring time

What are these objects used for?



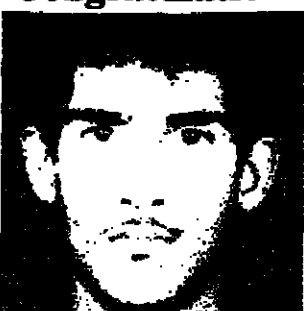
Happy birthday



Paika Sharma of the Indian School celebrates her 11th birthday on July 11. Paika enjoys reading and swimming.

Many happy returns of the day from family.

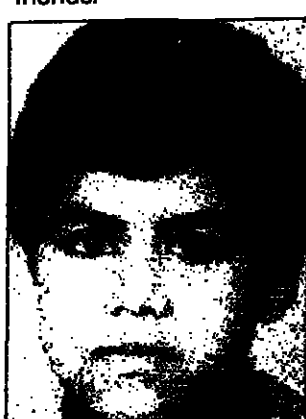
Congratulations



ABDULNASSAR BAJWA of Ash'ab Pakistani School obtained 613 marks (GD-A) and outshone all his schoolmates in the Matric examination. Hearty congratulations from his uncle Nazeer Bajwa.



Mohammed Zaheeruddin celebrated his 7th birthday on July 8th. Best wishes from parents, family and friends.



Abdullah Shaikh of the American School of Kuwait turned 8 on July 9th. Abdullah enjoys reading and riding bikes. Belated greetings from parents, friends and family.

Just for laughs!

This man went into the butchers. He said, "I want some meat for my son. He's a discus thrower."

The butcher said, "I've got just thing. Chuck steak."

Another man went in the butchers to get some steak. The butcher said, "What sort of steak do you want?"

The man said, "Chuck."

The butcher said, "Alright, catch."

Passenger (To lady conductor): "Do you want my fare lady?"

Conductor: "Yes please."

Passenger (Sings): "I have often walked down this street before."

Solution to Thursday's crossword

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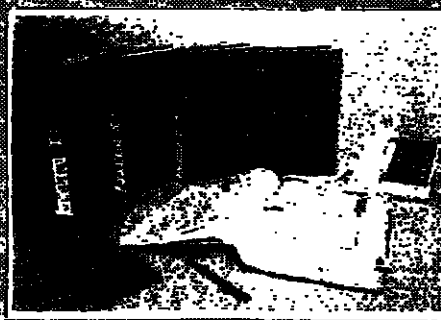
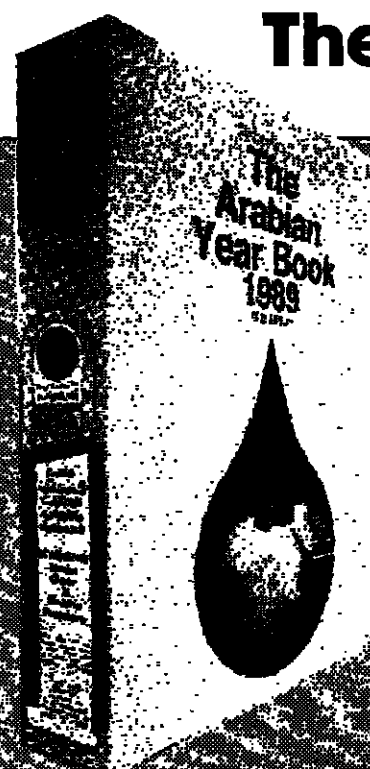
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Wimbledon turns out to be untraditional

McEnroe — undisputed star of the sideshow

LONDON, July 10, (Reuters): Some of the best entertainment at Wimbledon is often provided well away from the courts.

The obligatory post-match press conference is a minefield of potential embarrassments. Some pass the test, some don't. "I don't give a shit what you think of my double faults," John McEnroe after coming back from two sets down to beat Darren Cahill in the first round.

"You guys in Britain love him for some reason," — Cahill, referring to guess who.

"The operation was successful but the patient died," — Jimmy Connors, on his second-round exit at the hands of fellow-American Dan Goldie.

"I feel like the grass is only for ... how can you call it? The cows," — Arantxa Sanchez, well known Spanish dairy farmer.

"Now I'll take them back," Martina Navratilova, on the shoes she gave Australian qualifier Kristie Radford, who took her to three sets in the second round.

"If he is still around on Friday I'll start to worry," — McEnroe, who pledged to drop his pants on the centre court if Michael Chang reached the final.

"All you guys seem to be talking about is someone pulling down his pants," — Chang.

"I think that John is relieved. It's probably because he doesn't have much clean underwear and he didn't want to expose himself," — Tim Mayotte, after beating Chang in the last 16.

"I thought he might want it as a memento," — Mayotte, on donating to umpire John Frame the racket he smashed after his furious row with the Scottish official.

"I would be really shocked if I came back and played this tournament next year. ... It would take a transplant or something," — Chris Evert.

"I can't really fathom that because we have been at it since 1973. ... A piece of me would be gone without her," Navratilova on the prospect of Evert retiring.

"I think I have to improve my service. ... I guess my volley, and my forehand and my backhand and then my footwork," — Mats Wilander, on the few minor adjustments required if he is ever to win the Wimbledon.

"It's a juggling act. ... Playing tennis is the easy part," — John McEnroe, on marriage.

"It's only a game though all of us take it extremely seriously. Life goes on," — Lendl, following his semifinal defeat by Becker.

"Thankfully I didn't hurt anybody. The racket is gone wild," — Becker, who flung his racket into the stands after defeating Edberg.

WIMBLEDON, England, July 10, (AP): Death threats and dress code dramas. Subway strikes and Sunday doubleheaders. Wacky weather and scalper scandals. Mad Mac and Mac the Nice.

It all added up to one of the weirdest Wimbledon in years.

Wimbledon, the tournament of tradition, turned out to be very untraditional.

When the fortnight ended yesterday, Boris Becker and Steffi Graf were the men's and women's singles champions. That could have been predicted.

What couldn't be predicted was that both finals would be played yesterday — only the third time since the tournament moved to the present site in 1922 — because the women's championship match would get rained out Saturday.

The city had been enjoying one of its finest summers on record, but on the second day of the tournament, the rain returned, interrupting play intermittently for four straight days.

Then came a week of mostly clear and sunny weather, with temperatures even reaching 100 degrees on centre court last Thursday. But the rain was back

Friday and continued off-and-on through the weekend.

And as if the rain wasn't bad enough, the public had to contend with subway and rail strikes on both Wednesdays.

But the undisputed star of the sideshow was — who else? — John McEnroe.

He created a stir by threatening to drop his pants on centre court if Michael Chang, the 17-year-old French Open champion, reached the final. Tim Mayotte beat Chang in the fourth round.

McEnroe had to make the greatest comeback of his Wimbledon career just to get past the first round, rallying from two sets down to beat Darren Cahill.

That was a pleasant experience, though, compared to what reportedly happened a few days later when a stranger sprayed him in the face with an aerosol can.

Anonymous calls brought four death threats against McEnroe. But he played on, making McEnroe headlines again as he gripped about a ticking court-side refrigerator, snapped at opponent John Fitzgerald and received a warning for unsports-

manlike conduct.

Fitzgerald, who lost in four sets, railed against McEnroe after the match, suggesting he was a cheat and saying, "a leopard never changes its spots."

McEnroe brushed it off as "sour grapes" and stayed on his best behaviour in his quarterfinal victory over Mats Wilander. When an 8-year-old girl was knocked to the ground by a surging crowd, McEnroe brought her into the player's lounge and sat her on his knee, then bought her candy.

While McEnroe, who lost to Stefan Edberg in the semifinals, became Mac the Nice, the mild-mannered Mayotte went from Gentleman Tim to Terrible Tim. Twice Mayotte was fined, once for swearing in a second-round match and another time for destroying his racket following a disputed call in his quarterfinal loss to Edberg.

Becker's road to his third Wimbledon title started on a bad note. He was refused entrance to the club on the first day because he didn't have a pass. He got in only when a reporter identified the West German to a guard.

Then Becker was quoted in

one of the tabloids as criticising Wimbledon for a "two-tier class system." That led to a clear-the-air session with buzzer Hadingham, chairman of the All England Club.

Becker further upset Wimbledon officials when he changed to a blue shirt during a second-round match, treading on the limits of the club's traditional predominantly white dress code.

"I didn't have a white shirt in my bag and I preferred to wear a shirt than to be nude," he said.

Nicole Jagerman, a Dutch woman player, felt like she was caught with her pants down when Britain's Daily Mail published a front-page picture showing her passing tickets to a scalper.

She admitted it, saying the scalper insisted on paying \$15 for the tickets after she tried to give them away.

With that money, she could have bought a few bowls of strawberries and cream.

There were loud complaints when the price of the traditional Wimbledon snack was raised to 40 pence a berry. Tournament caterers gave in to the pressure and reduced prices.

Steffi thanks Egyptian tennis fan

WIMBLEDON, England, July 10, (AP): A centre court fan got a special thank you and a close-up glimpse of the women's championship trophy from Steffi Graf at Wimbledon yesterday.

Elsayed Ahmed Ali, visiting the tournament from Port Said, Egypt, had led the cheering for the West German winner in her victory over Martina Navratilova.

"I did the same last year," he said. "I saw her around the tournament (Saturday) and took her picture, and I told her I would do the same thing again."

When Graf was presented with the silver plate that goes to the women's champion, she held it aloft and carried it to a corner of the court so that Ali, in the last row of standing room, could get a closer look. The player and fan were about 10 metres apart.

"The guy was just screaming all the time, 'comon' after every single point," Graf said. "And you could hear him from one end of the court to the other. That's why I wanted to know who it was."



Stefan Edberg reflects on his defeat to Becker in the Wimbledon men's final. (Reuters wirephoto)

Many Germans miss 'Tennis from heaven'

BONN, July 10, (Reuters): Boris Becker and Steffi Graf's double triumph at Wimbledon marks a climax in West Germany's tennis boom of the 1980s.

But many frustrated German fans missed out on the country's greatest day in the sport because of a television blackout.

Becker and Graf's victories in the men's and women's singles were dubbed "the greatest day in West German tennis" by the press today.

With their success already responsible for a recent rapid rise in youngsters taking up the game, the country looks set to continue as a top tennis power.

But celebrations were soured by the fact many West Germans were unable to watch Wimbledon at all this year because of a private television firm's exclusive rights to the event.

More than half of German households had no access to pictures because they do not have cable television and the two public channels available to all, ARD and ZDF, only broadcast brief results of the finals with still pictures of Becker and Graf.

"Tennis from Heaven," Bild, the country's most widely-read newspaper, labelled the success but hit out at the public channels for not even buying highlight pictures of the event in its leading front-page article.

"ARD, ZDF, you cheated us out of Wimbledon ... half of the nation missed the tennis of the century. Outraged viewers rang up to ask why there were no pictures. And why weren't there?"

Two million of the country's 62 million population now play tennis in 9,000 clubs compared to 1.65 million in 1985. In 1980 the country had just 1.27 million players.

Becker and Graf are rapidly replacing soccer idols in children's scrapbooks. Last year the number of boys under 14 joining tennis clubs rose by 17 per cent with a 10 per cent rise in girls under 14 starting the game. New stars could also be on the way.

Last May when West Germany added the men's World Team Cup to last year's Davis Cup triumph court, Niki Pile expressed confidence there were several players who could come through from the teenage ranks. "Not too soon, I hope," Becker retorted seconds later.

Seeing the boom in the sport, the Cable Television firms which have sprung up here in the 1980s, were quick to compete with the established public channels with lucrative contracts to cover big events.

Last year UFA, a subsidiary of the West German media giant Bertelsmann AG, bought the Wimbledon television rights for continental Europe for the next five years in a deal worth millions of marks.

Mike Tyson entertains young fans

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, July 10, (UPI): Heavyweight champion Mike Tyson entertained more than 500 kids from local groups and correctional houses yesterday during a work-out and autograph session.

Tyson, 36-0 with 32 knockouts, is preparing for his July 21 title bout against Carl "The Truth" Williams, who arrived yesterday for his final training.

Tyson sparred with two fighters for 25 minutes, drawing applause from the young fans.

I wanted to give these kids a chance to see me box," Tyson said. "Many of them won't be able to see the fight live, so this is their opportunity to get close to me and visit. I don't want to sound corny or anything, but I can relate to most of these kids and I want them to know that I'm behind them and care about their lives."

Trump Plaza and Don King Productions, Inc. provided hot dogs and ice cream cones.

Williams, who had been training in the Catskills, later arrived at Trump Plaza, greeting surprised hotel guests.

"I feel great," said Williams, 22-2 with 17 knockouts.

Brazil beat Paraguay

RECIFE, Brazil, July 10, (AP): Brazil beat Paraguay yesterday 2-0 while Colombia and Peru tied 1-1 in the America Cup soccer tournament, the South American Championship.

Both of Brazil's goals were scored by star striker Bebeto, the first at the 47 minute mark and the second with just seven minutes left in the game.

With the victory Brazil finished with two wins, no losses and two ties in Group A play, for a total of six points. Brazil, which also ended with six points on a record of three wins and one defeat, won the division because they scored five goals more than their opponents, one more than Brazil.

Both teams now advance to the final round starting Wednesday in Rio de Janeiro.

Brazil, a three-time world cup champion, needed a tie or win to advance to the finals. They dominated yesterday game from start to finish.

At the two minute mark Bebeto took a pass from Mazinho in front of Paraguay's goalie Diaz but headed the ball over the net.

A few minutes later, Aldair nearly put the

Brazilian squad on top with a blast just wide of the net.

Bebeto finally opened the scoring at the 3 minute mark of the second half when he headed the ball into the right hand corner of the net.

Bebeto scored again on a beautiful goal at the 83 minute mark when he took a perfect pass from Mazinho and drilled it past Diaz.

Brazil had a number of other excellent opportunities during the second half. At the 10 minute mark, Romario dribbled past several Paraguayan defenders, forcing Diaz to leave the net to meet him. He took the opportunity to loft the ball just to the right of the empty net.

Earlier, Colombia and Peru tied 1-1 in what was to be each team's last match in the tournament.

Arnaldo Iguaran put the Colombians ahead at the 35 minute mark of the first half, but Peru, on a goal by Jorge Hiranio, tied the game 10 minutes later.

Colombia finished third in Group A play with a record of one win, one loss and two ties.

New York outclass Cincinnati

NEW YORK, July 10, (AP): One day after the Cincinnati and New York Yankees played on the field, the Mets beat the Reds on the game of baseball as the hometown crowd chanted encouragement.

Met Juan Samuel hit a two-run homer off Cincinnati reliever Rob Dibble in a three-run seventh-inning rally as the New York Mets beat the Reds 6-3 yesterday.

Also worthy of note, the third of four players ejected Saturday after a bench-clearing brawl, Reds reliever Norm Charlton, took the loss. The only combatant who didn't figure in the scenario was New York's Tim Lincecum, who missed the game with a back bruise when Dibble hit him with a pitch that precipitated Saturday's fisticuffs.

"The one thing I didn't want to do was strike out," Samuel said. "He's the kind of pitcher who would never let me forget it if I did. The pitch was a slider and I went with it all the way."

What was Samuel thinking as he rounded the bases?

"I tried not to stare at him too long," he said. "It had a good effect on the team and that's what concerned me."

Cardinals 6, Giants 4

Jose Oquendo and Terry Pendleton continued their torrid hitting and Joe Magrane won his fourth straight game.

Oquendo, 19-for-35 in his last 10 games, had an RBI single in the Cardinals' two-run second, a triple in the fifth and an RBI groundout in a four-run sixth.

Cubs 11, Dodgers 4

Chicago Cubs Damon Berryhill drove in four runs with a two-run homer and a two-run single at Wrigley Field.

Results

American League

Boston 10, New York 5

Toronto 2, Baltimore 0

Milwaukee 7, Detroit 4

Kansas City 5, Chicago 4

Oakland 7, Texas 1

Seattle 8, Cleveland 0

California 9, Minnesota 3

National League

New York 6, Cincinnati 3

San Diego 6, Pittsburgh 3

St. Louis 6, San Francisco 4

Chicago 11, Los Angeles 4

Montreal 6, Houston 1

Philadelphia 4, Atlanta 3

Prost win puts pressure on Senna



Prost holds up his trophy after winning the French GP. (Reuters wirephoto)

LE CASTELLET, France, July 10, (Reuters): Alain Prost's commanding victory in yesterday's French Grand Prix and signs of a growing challenge from Ferrari, Williams and Benetton have left Ayrton Senna under pressure as he bids to retain the drivers' title.

After failing to finish in the last three races — the United States, Canadian and French Grand Prix — the Brazilian has slipped 11 points behind team-mate Prost in the championship and appears to have temporarily lost his magical winning touch.

Even in qualifying the world champion has lost his consistent grip on pole position while Prost, who will leave the team at the end of the season, has found a new lease of life.

"Things have changed for me in the last two races," said Prost after winning yesterday on his home soil. "Everything in the team seems better and I am more comfortable."

"The engines are better for me and have been since Phoenix and I am happier with them. I complained about their performance for me as you know, but Honda have improved that aspect for me."

"I've had two consecutive pole positions which is a great rarity for me anyway and I am in a good position in the championship now — although it was much the same last year, so I am not saying any more than that."

"I am glad I have announced my decision about McLaren and feel better about it. But, I proved I still have all my motivation to drive for them. I just hope it is dry and sunny when we get to Silverstone next weekend."

The British Grand Prix on July 16 promises a battle-royal between the two McLaren drivers as Prost intensifies his pursuit of a third world title at Silverstone.

Senna, however, has a good record at Silverstone where he drove superbly in the wet last year to win.

With Briton Nigel Mansell certain to challenge powerfully in the improved and more reliable Ferrari which carried him into second place yesterday, Prost will be in for a tough race.

Mansell, who started from the pit lane at the re-start of the crash-marred race, was full of praise for the Ferrari afterwards although he criticised the team's failure to set up the spare car properly for him.

"The gearbox and the engine were both very good right through the race and it all looks very promising for the British Grand Prix," he said.

Similar optimism was forthcoming from both Williams, powered by a revised version of the Renault V-10 engine, and Benetton, who introduced their new car with a new Ford V-8 unit in France.

Lawson aims for victory in France

WORLD champion Eddie Lawson will be flat out for victory at the French Grand Prix at Le Mans, on July 16, although he has bitter sweet memories of the 2.36 mile circuit.

The Rothmans Honda star is 13.5 points behind leader Wayne Rainey in the 500cc World Championship, with five rounds of the 15 rounds title race remaining.

"I've not got the happiest memories of Le Mans but I will have to put them behind me because I've got to beat Wayne Rainey to have any chance of retaining the title," said Lawson, after winning the controversial rain affected Belgium Grand Prix at Spa. "Two years ago I really suffered a case of brain fade when I crashed on the very first lap in the pouring rain when the track was very slippery. It was not a difficult thing to do. I've had some bad luck there but I don't hate the circuit although I like most other riders I just hope it stays dry."

Thirty-one year old Lawson will test his NSR Rothmans Honda at Le Mans, this week and is hoping to secure his second grand prix victory of the season a week later.

Australian Wayne Gardner is looking to the French race to continue his return to fitness after breaking his leg at the American Grand Prix three mon-



Gardner: looking to continue return to fitness

ths ago. On his comeback he finished sixth in Holland but dropped out in the early stages in Belgium with front brake problems.

"I've not had too much luck at Le Mans but I just hope the race will prove that my leg is getting stronger all the time," said the 1987 world champion. "Before the race I'm going to Japan to test the 750cc Honda I will ride with Michael Doohan in the Suzuka Eight Hour race. The testing should further strengthen the leg."

Australian Michael Doohan

continued his good form in his first full season of Grand Prix racing. He was eighth.

Understandably he can't wait to get to Le Mans to continue his grand prix education. "Despite the fall in the rain I was very happy with that ride at Spa on my first appearance at the track, explained the 24 year old Rothmans Honda star. "I like most European circuits I've never been to Le Mans but I will not be testing there with Eddie because of my trip to Japan with Wayne. I'm told Le Mans is very slippery if it rains and so I will be hoping for some sunshine."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Tie-breaker soccer

AMIGOS Football Centre will hold its first tie-breaker soccer competition on July 14 at the Sour grounds at 7.00 am. Draws will be held on the same day at 6.30 am. Those interested may contact Amigos officials at the Sour grounds on the same day.

Toledo Classic

SYLVANIA, Ohio, July 10, (AP): Penny Hammel, holding off challenges by Nancy Lopez and Betsy King in the final nine holes, won her second Jamie Farr Toledo Classic championship by two strokes yesterday.

Last title

LONDON, July 10, (Reuters): Jim Pugh and Jana Novotna today won the mixed doubles, the last major title to be decided at this year's Wimbledon Tennis Championships.

IOC chief

LONDON, July 10, (Reuters): Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), offered Manchester fresh encouragement in its bid to stage the 1996 Olympic Games when he visited the northern British city today.

Young reprimanded

SYDNEY, July 10, (Reuters): British Lions prop David Young was reprimanded today by tour manager Clive Rowlands for stamping on Steve Cutler's head during the second rugby union Test against Australia on Saturday.

New queen

BLOOMINGTON, Minnesota, July 10, (UPI): Brandy Johnson, the new queen of US women's gymnastics, proved her dominance by winning three of four gold medals yesterday and that she is a human when she lost her grip on the uneven bars in the individual event finals of the 1989 US Gymnastics Championships.

Gold medal

DENVER, July 10, (AP): Zita Funkenhauer collected three victories, including the ninth and final bout, to lead West Germany over the Soviet Union for the gold medal in the women's team foil event yesterday at the World Fencing Championships.

McGirt triumphs

SWAN LAKE, New York, July 10, (UPI): Former world champion James "Buddy" McGirt survived a second-round knockout yesterday and used speed and combinations to claim a unanimous decision over Tony Baltazar in a welterweight bout the winner hopes will earn a title shot.

WBA crown

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey, July 10, (UPI): Edwin Rosario became the second boxer in history to capture the lightweight title three different times when he scored a technical knockout two minutes into the sixth round over Anthony Jones yesterday for the World Boxing Association (WBA) crown.

Marathon race

SAN FRANCISCO, July 10, (UPI): Earnest Tjela of Lesotho, who now trains in Denver, captured the San Francisco marathon yesterday.

England struggle to survive

Australia all out for 424

BIRMINGHAM, England, July 10, (Reuters): Australia's seamers, led again by the admirable Terry Alderman, had England in deep trouble on the fourth day of the rain-interrupted third cricket Test today.

At the close England were 185 for seven, still needing 40 to avoid the follow-on. Australia, already 2-0 ahead in the six Test Ashes series, were dismissed for 424 in their first innings in the morning session.

Only a defiant sixth wicket stand of 96 by Ian Botham, who topped scored with 46, and Jack Russell (42) saved England from total humiliation on a day when their top-order batsman again showed sadly fallible techniques.

Botham, playing his first Test for nearly two years, battled with great responsibility and discipline for 110 balls and 154 balls.

He also hit six crashing fours, including three in an over from medium-pace Steve Waugh.

But even Botham was not immune from the lapses in concentration which have plagued the England team this year.

The all-rounder launched a massive drive at a delivery from paceman Merv Hughes which was not quite up to the bat and his off stump was knocked out of the ground.

Russell, who had again displayed splendid fighting qualities, followed soon after when he cut a bouncing leg-break from Trevor Hohns to Mark Taylor at slip who made a fine catch above his head.



Lemond is all smiles as he leads pack at the start of the 9th stage. (Reuters wirephoto)



Hohns hits the ball straight to a England fielder. (Reuters wirephoto)

The Middlesex pair of John Emburey (two) and Angus Fraser (12) were the not out batsmen at the close.

Australia, resuming at 391 for seven, were all out after the first hour.

Trevor Hohns did not add to his overnight total of 40 and Angus Fraser picked up a deserved wicket when he bowled Geoff Lawson for 12.

Dean Jones was the last man out, caught by the substitute fieldman off Fraser for 157. His innings had taken 295 balls and included 17 fours.

Fraser, playing his first Test, finished with four for 63 from 33 overs as a reward for model line and length seam bowling.

England started uncertainly with Graham Gooch falling lbw again for eight, playing across the line to paceman Lawson.

Alderman then made two vital breakthroughs.

First he trapped captain David Gower lbw for eight after beating him three times in seven balls.

He then defeated Chris Tavare with a fine outswinger when the recalled England player had scored only two.

Tavare steered the ball straight to Taylor at first slip.

Opener Tim Curtis, after battling two hours for 41, was another lbw victim, this time to Merv Hughes, and Kim Barnett (10), batting with a runner after suffering a groin injury, was caught behind off Waugh.



Lawson has his middle stump uprooted off a 'no-ball'. (Reuters wirephoto)

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA first innings (overnight)	
391 for seven	
G. Marsh lbw b Botham	42
M. Taylor st Russell b Emburey	43
D. Boon run out	38
A. Border b Emburey	157
D. Jones c sub b Fraser	157
S. Waugh b Fraser	43
I. Healy b Fraser	2
M. Hughes c Botham b Dilley	2
T. Hohns c Gooch b Dilley	40
G. Lawson b Fraser	12
T. Alderman not out	0
Extras (lb-20 nb-17)	57
Total	424
Fall of wickets: 1-88 2-94 3-105 4-201 5-272 6-289 7-298 8-391 9-421	
Bowling: Dilley 31-3-123-2, Jarvis 20-4-82-0, Fraser 33-8-63-4, Botham	

ENGLAND first innings	
28-5-75-1, Emburey 29-5-61-2	
G. Gooch lbw b Lawson	8
T. Curtis lbw b Hughes	41
D. Gower lbw b Alderman	8
C. Tavare c Taylor b Alderman	2
K. Barnett c Healy b Waugh	10
I. Botham b Hughes	46
J. Russell c Taylor b Hohns	42
J. Emburey not out	2
A. Fraser not out	12
Extras (b-1 lb-2 nb-11)	11
Total (for seven wickets)	185
Fall: 1-17 2-42 3-47 4-75 5-75 6-171 7-171	
To bat: P. Jarvis, G. Dilley	
Bowling (to date): Alderman 21-6-45-2, Lawson 14-3-37-1, Waugh 11-3-38-1, Hughes 18-4-49-2, Hohns 10-4-13-1	

Spaniard wins 9th stage

CAUTERETS, France, July 10, (Reuters): Miguel Indurain led a Spanish sweep of the top three places as the Tour de France switched from the plains to the mountains today.

Indurain launched a solo effort to win the ninth stage of 147 kms from Pau through three daunting mountain passes in the Pyrenees.

He finished 26 seconds ahead of Anselmo Fuente and one minute 28 seconds ahead of last year's winner Pedro Delgado, who launched a powerful attack to leave the main pack on the climb to Cauterets near the Spanish border.

But race leaders Greg Lemond of the United States and Frenchman Laurent Fignon limited the damage inflicted by Delgado's characteristic late surge to 27 seconds.

Lemond retained the leader's yellow jersey, which he took over last Thursday. He has a five-second advantage over Fignon.

Indurain, the revelation of the season after his victories in the Paris-Nice and international criterium, opened a six-minute lead over the pack at one point.

But the tall, heavy-built Spaniard wilted on the

final climb and only just managed to hang on to beat Fuente.

Fignon, the 1983 and 1984 winner, was critical of Lemond's failure to help chase Delgado.

"It wasn't too bad because Delgado made his break only four kms from the end," he said. "We were able to limit the time difference. But it's a pity Greg didn't help do the work."

Lemond's response was dismissive. "It isn't my role to do the work. It's Fignon who's aiming for the Yellow Jersey, not me," he said.

"Delgado is almost seven minutes behind overall so it's not my job to catch him."

"I don't think I can keep the Yellow Jersey in the next stage," Lemond said yesterday, after yesterday's lowland leg of the prestigious cycling race left intact his five-second lead over two-time winner Fignon.

"Fignon now is stronger than me in the mountains," Lemond said. "It will be up to him to take the race in hand. I won't chase after everybody. Otherwise I'd lose all my strength."

Lemond said he is feeling weak, sleeping poorly and caught a cold in last week's rain.

Azingar takes Open crown

CROMWELL, Connecticut, July 10, (AP): Paul Azingar sank a 40-foot chip shot from the rough for a tie-breaking birdie on the final hole and beat Wayne Levi by one stroke with a course record 267 at the Greater Hartford Open yesterday.

Azingar, who lost a 4-stroke lead on the back nine, repeated his triumph of 1987, when he beat Levi and Dan Forsman by a stroke.

Azingar had a 6-under-par 65 for the final round and finished the tournament at 17 under. Levi, the co-leader after the third round, had a 67 yesterday and 268.

Azingar's first shot on the 420-yard 18th hole went in the right rough and his second shot hit a hill to the right of the green and stayed on it.

Notts blast Warwickshire
Mark Waugh keeps
Essex on course

LONDON, July 10, (Reuters): Australian Mark Waugh smashed a personal Sunday best 112 not out to keep leaders Essex on course for the limited overs Sunday League Championship with a 47-run win over Glamorgan at Neath.

Waugh cracked three sixes and eight fours from the 125 balls he faced as Essex raced to 205 for three in the 40 overs.

A partnership of 66 in 13 overs between Matthew Maynard and Ravi Shastri gave Glamorgan hope. Maynard was dismissed for 35 but Shastri went on to hit three massive sixes off spinner Geoff Miller.

But when he was seventh out for a lively 57, Glamorgan's hopes went, too, and they were all out for 158 with more than three overs remaining.

Last year's champions Worcestershire registered their sixth win in seven games with a six-wicket success against Leicestershire at New Road.

A partnership of 71 by Damien D'Oliviera (45) and Phil Neale (36 not out) helped them pass Leicestershire's 156 for nine with 15 balls to spare.

Nottinghamshire sounded a warning to next Saturday's Benson and Hedges Cup final opponents Essex by romping to an emphatic eight-wicket win over Warwickshire at Trent Bridge.

Seamster Kevin Saxeby set it up by taking three wickets in his last over for a haul of five for 24, as Warwickshire crashed to 139 all out.

Paul Pollard (36) and England discard Chris Broad (34) then gave the home side a solid start with an opening stand of 62 before Tim Robinson, with an unbeaten 42 and Paul Johnson (18 not out) saw them to victory.

Results

At NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Hampshire match abandoned — rain. Northamptonshire 135 for one in 23.2 overs (N. Feltos 58 not out, R. Bailey 53 not out). Northamptonshire and Hampshire two points each.

At MALDEN: Kent beat Gloucestershire by six wickets. Gloucestershire 85 in 31.2 overs (C. Penn four for 15). Kent 86 for four in 25.5 overs. Kent four points.

At MIDDLESBROUGH: Sussex beat Yorkshire by 10 runs in match reduced to 20 overs-a-side due to rain. Sussex 161 for five innings closed (M. Speight 60). Yorkshire 151 for eight innings closed (R. Blakey 46). Sussex four points.

At NEATH: Essex beat Glamorgan by 47 runs. Essex 205 for three innings closed (M. Waugh 112 not out, B. Hardie 58). Glamorgan 158 in 36.5 overs (R. Shastri 57, J. Lever three for 16). Essex four points.

At WORCESTER: Worcestershire beat Leicestershire by six wickets. Leicestershire 156 for nine innings closed (C. Lewis 50, N. Redford three for 16). Worcestershire 157 for four in 37.3 overs (D. D'Oliviera 45). Worcestershire four points.

At TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire beat Warwickshire by eight wickets. Warwickshire 139 in 19 innings closed (K. Saxeby five for 24). Nottinghamshire 141 for two in 35.4 overs (T. Robinson 42 not out). Nottinghamshire four points.

At LORDS: Middlesex beat Derbyshire on a faster scoring rate in a rain interrupted match. Derbyshire 148 for seven innings closed (B. Maber 49 not out). Middlesex — requiring 89 off 24 overs — 89 for four in 23.4 overs (J. Carr 40 not out). Middlesex four points.

At THE OVAL: Surrey beat Somerset on a faster scoring rate in rain interrupted match. Surrey 258 for seven innings closed (A. Stewart 72, G. Thorpe 56, D. Ward 40). Somerset — requiring 150 off the last 16 overs — 137 in 28.5 overs (K. Medley four for 45). Surrey four points.

Other match in Dublin: Scotland 261 and 171 for eight (I. Philip 69). Ireland 249 (O. Henry six for 88).

Standings

English Sunday League cricket table after the latest round of matches (tablets under — played, won, lost, tied, no result, points):

	played	won	lost	tied	no result	points
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Leicestershire	9	3	5	0	1	14
Derbyshire	10	3	6	1	0	14
Somerset	10	3	6	1	0	14
Warwickshire	10	3	6	1	0	14
Surrey	9	6	3	0	2	24
Middlesex	10	3	4	1	0	22
Nottinghamshire	9	5	3	0	1	22
Warwickshire	10	2	7	0	1	10
Gloucestershire	10	2	8	0	0	8
Glamorgan	9	1	7	0	1	4

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Leicestershire	9	3	5	0	1	14
Derbyshire	10	3</				